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FRANCE MUST AID ITALY OR BRITAIN

LAVAL'S POLICY DENOUNCED BUT BRITISH STAND EULOGISED CRITICAL DEBATE IN PARIS CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Paris, Dec. 27.

There were tense scenes in the Chamber of Deputies to-day when the Prime Minister, M. Pierre Laval, attempted to defend his foreign policy and win a majority in the division which will decide the fate of his Government.

M. Toon Lebron warmly attacked the Government's policy, but the Socialist leader was continually interrupted by Rightist members.

A Socialist at one point rose and shook his fist at the interrupters and the sitting was later temporarily suspended to enable M. Lebron to recover from the effects of the strain and to make himself heard.

M. Leon Blum, a noted publisher-deputy, denounced M. Laval's policy, declaring there need be no risk of war if every country were firmly determined to stand by the League of Nations. He accused M. Laval of creating an atmosphere of war menace and concluded, amid prolonged cheers from the Left, demanding M. Laval's overthrow.

There was another remarkable scene at the conclusion of a speech by M. Paul Reynaud, who is a member of the Centre group, and who eulogised Great Britain and denounced M. Laval's diplomacy. His declaration that France must choose between Italy, an aggressor, and Britain, a defender of the League Covenant, was cheered by nearly two-thirds of the House, from the extreme Left to the Right Centre.

Some observers in the lobbies described the speech as "a burial service" for the Government. But others, while anticipating that the Government's majority will be much reduced, expect that M. Laval can still muster twenty to thirty more votes than the Opposition.

VOTING TO-DAY

Party leaders have agreed that the vote on the critical two days' foreign affairs debate will not be taken before 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

M. Lebron, the Socialist leader, opened the interpellations. In the Chamber, speaking for an hour and there were other prominent men, including M. Reynaud, who attacked the Government in lengthy addresses.

The latest canvass of the position indicates that M. Laval will have a majority of forty in the division.

NO GREAT IMPRESSION

M. Laval's own speech made no visible impression upon the Chamber.

It was received by clapping on the front Right, as was expected, but the remainder of the Chamber sat impasse.

Some political quarters called the address very weak, but others maintained it was a set speech and that not until the closing of the debate would the Prime Minister make any rousing appeal to the Chamber.—Reuter and Reuter Special.

No Reprieve Likely

HAUPTMANN'S ONE CHANCE FOR LIFE

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 27.
Governor Hoffmann of New Jersey to-day said he believed he was technically powerless to reprieve Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to die for the murder of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh. Should the Court of Parole refuse Hauptmann clemency, the Governor said, he could do nothing, for although reprieves had been granted in recent years the Constitution limited his power to reprieve to a period of ninety days after conviction.—Reuter.



Picture shows an Ethiopian outpost, from which the defenders keep watch on Italian troop movements.

CHINESE ART STILL POPULAR

EXHIBITS DRAW BIG CROWDS 7,540 PAYING VISITORS

London, Dec. 27.

Despite rival attractions, Christmas shopping, pantomimes and obstruction caused by fog and frost, the Chinese Art Exhibition remains a powerful magnet.

During the first three completed weeks of the Exhibition, there have been 7,540 paying visitors, this being a record for national art exhibitions. On Christmas Eve, when very few visitors were expected, there were actually 1,337 paying for admission, with 2,091 on Boxing Day.

No fewer than 21,000 tickets have already been sold to school children visiting the Exhibition in parties, as well as ten thousand to various societies and associations.

The pre-Christian bronzes, Sung porcelains and Tang statuettes remain most popular, but public appreciation of the paintings, the unfamiliar style of which at first somewhat puzzled the visitors, is evidently increasing.

Tickets for six additional lectures on Chinese art during the New Year are being quickly sold out.—Reuter.

MacDonald's Chance

UNIVERSITIES' SEAT LEFT VACANT

London, Dec. 27.

Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier of the National Government, has agreed to contest, as a National Government candidate, the Scottish Universities' seat in the House of Commons rendered vacant by the death of the former Conservative M.P., Mr. Noel Skelton.

The decision was reached following an invitation from the Association of University Graduates of the four Universities concerned.

At the recent General Election, Mr. MacDonald was defeated at Senhouse by Mr. E. Shinwell, former Minister of Mines in the last Labour Government, who secured a majority of over 20,000.—Reuter.

It is rather thought that the new minister's heavy responsibilities will result in cautious actions on his part.—United Press.

FURTHER SUPPORT

London, Dec. 27.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who is in the country, is not expected back at the Foreign Office, with which he remains in continuous touch, before next week.

It is not anticipated in London that any important developments in connexion with the international situation will occur within the next week or two.

It is understood the Government of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey have replied to enquiries addressed to them regarding their willingness to implement their obligations under Article 16 of the Covenant. British Wireless.

RUSSIA FOSTERS REVOLT

URUGUAY BREAKS OFF RELATIONS AMBASSADOR EXPELLED

(Special to "Telegraph")

Montevideo, Dec. 27.

Uruguay has broken off diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

The Cabinet took this decision after a long sitting to-day.

It was stated that a headquarters of a Communist organisation had been

set up in the city.

The volcano erupted last month and sent a stream of lava over its western slopes, threatening peasants and villagers in the valleys below. A cloud of smoke and steam envelopes the peak of Mount Alon, but the thunder of the disturbances in its depths periodically shakes the islanders' homes.

One of the bombing planes dropped 600 bombs upon the lava stream,

which had advanced to within four miles of Hill's water reservoirs and other machines flew over the mountain's crater, dropping hundreds of pounds of explosives, in the hope that they might block the vent and force the lava to flow out at some other point.

It is not yet known whether the bombers' expedition was successful.—Reuter.

STUDENTS LEAP FROM TRAIN

Thirty Injured In Reckless Dive

(Shanghai, Dec. 28.)

It is now revealed that a group of student demonstrators, refusing to return to Shanghai when ordered to do so by the Government, jumped off the train proceeding to Wusih when it reached a railway bridge.

As a result, thirty of the students were injured, four seriously.—Reuter.

BOMBERS ATTACK VOLCANO

SEEKING TO CHECK LAVA FLOW

STRANGE WAR IN HAWAII

Hilo, Dec. 27.

One of the weirdest wars in history was declared to-day when United States bombing planes set about the fierce old gods of Mauna Loa, the active volcano near here.

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Nationalist Fever

EVEN CIGARS MUST BE PATRIOTIC

(Special to "Telegraph")

Rome, Dec. 27.

All foreign names at present used for Italian products of the State Tobacco Monopoly will be changed to Italian after January 1.

Cigars previously called "London" will be named "Fire"; British cigars will become "Sium"; whilst the brand hitherto named "Trabucco" will be altered to "Nakale."

Some cigarettes whose names are foreign, with a sanguine smack, will be re-named. Thus "Kentucky" and "Sport" will become "Tigran" and "Starlo" respectively.—Reuter Special.

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

MARKET STEADY TO-DAY

The Hongkong dollar rose 1/4d. to 1s. 3½d. this morning.

The business rate was 1s. 3½d. buyers. The market was steady at these rates.

CANADA-JAPAN TRADE

SURTAXES BEING REMOVED

Ottawa, Dec. 27.

It is officially announced that Canada and Japan are both removing mutually retaliatory surtaxes on certain of each other's products, as from January 1.

This will terminate the trade dispute between the two countries which has lasted since last July.—British Wireless.

London, Dec. 27.

The total amount applied for in tenders for \$45,000,000 Treasury bills was \$61,616,000. The average rate per cent for bills at three months 11/3.00d. against 15/8.70d. a week ago.

No indication was given that the new tax legislation at the coming session will be granted to Li Tai-pan, Li Leung-wa and Li Chol.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON TAKKAZZE

BADOGLIO ADMITS SEVERE LOSSES

STRUGGLE FOR HIGH MOUNTAIN PASS

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There has been a severe engagement near the Asgaga Pass in the high mountains along the Takkazze River where the Ethiopians recently drove the Italians for twelve miles on a long front, capturing many of the little concrete block forts and machine-guns and inflicting heavy casualties.

An official Italian communiqué now announces the results of another engagement on this embattled sector where, since the Ethiopians succeeded in crossing the Takkazze River, the Italians have been hard pressed.

It was during a reconnaissance near Asgaga Pass that the Italians fell in with a strong body of the Ethiopians and an engagement lasting some hours was joined.

The Italian losses are officially stated to have been six Italian and three Eritrean soldiers killed, four Italian officers killed, nine Italians and 37 Eritreans wounded.

The Ethiopian losses are merely reported in Marshal Badoglio's daily despatch as being "heavy."

These are the worst casualties in any single engagement to which the Italian command has thus far admitted.—Reuter Special.

ETHIOPIAN VICTORY

Addis Ababa, Dec. 27.

Troops under the command of Dejazmach Haile Kababe, attacking with high courage, drove the Italian outposts from their positions on the Makar Road, on the Takkazze front in a recent engagement.

According to a Government announcement the Ethiopians captured eleven machine-guns and a quantity of rifles and ammunition.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS LULL

Rome, Dec. 27.

The Christmas lull on "the home front" is expected to continue into the New Year. No diplomatic activities are expected.

Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador to Rome, leaves for England to-morrow on a three weeks' holiday which this much-worked diplomatic wall deserves.

His vacation is taken to indicate that there will be no new development in the Italo-Ethiopian situation for the time-being, and the Italian attitude appears to be one of marking-time and waiting to see what Mr. Anthony Eden, the new Foreign Minister, will do in his post.

It is probable that Mr. Eden requires Sir Eric Drummond in London to discuss the European situation and the Italian attitude in particular.—Reuter Special.

FATAL MOTOR MISHAP

PRISON WARDER INVOLVED

NO NEW TAX LEGISLATION

SPEAKER OF HOUSE LOOKS AHEAD

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 27.

Mr. Joseph Byrnes, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to-day expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt would personally speak to Congress in January, 3 or 4, and discuss the budget.

No indication was given that he expects no new tax legislation at the coming session.—United Press.

Local estate valued at \$10,000 was left by Mr. Li Hon-cho, sheriff, late of 97 Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, who died in March this year at Fong Ping Hospital, Canton. Probate of the will has been granted to Li Tai-pan, Li Leung-wa and Li Chol.

ENTERTAINMENT

PORTRAIT'S LOSS, OUR GAIN . . .

Fillip For The Philharmonic

THE Hongkong Philharmonic Society have been busy, in a quiet sort of way, preparing for the forthcoming production of "The Country Girl." Visitors are not encouraged at the rehearsals at the Queen's Theatre, but I managed to sneak in the other day. What follows is the result of chats with some of the people I encountered, and of personal observation.

FIRST thing, you're going to like this one much better than past efforts. Hongkong's Philharmonic has been unhappy in recent years through lack of money, not-too-good choice of plays, and paucity of good actors and actresses. When, less than six months ago, it lost two of its best players, Mrs. Bowes Smith and Mrs. Snowden Jones—both coincidentally enough, departed for Home following deaths of their husbands—outlook for 1930 looked even blacker.

BUT a change has come over the scene, and far from being a paucity of talent, there seems to be a surplus. As a result, there is much more vigour at rehearsals. Even at this early stage, things are going with a swing. New brooms are sweeping clean.

GREATEST good fortune has been acquisition of Anne Winter (Mrs. Bernard Marsh) comparatively new arrival in Colony, who possesses a remarkable soprano voice. She is taking the role of the Princess.

Hongkong people who came from Portsmouth will know her as an old favourite in amateur stage circles. She played leading roles in several Portsmouth Players' productions. Coincidence No. 2: Her last leading role was in "Merrie England," produced in Portsmouth by Lt. Cdr. Bedell. It was Cdr. Bedell who produced this popular play for Hongkong Philharmonic during his stay in Colony.

ANOTHER acquisition that is going to help the Philharmonic tremendously is that of Winnie Lawson, who plays the title role. Third stellar debut of consequence is that being made by Bobbie Blake, who is no stranger to amateur dramatics and philharmonics, coming here with excellent English reputation which, judging from personal observation, will certainly be sustained after her initial appearance in leading role. Actually, Miss Blake is no stranger to Philharmonic activities, as she was in the "Hawaiian" chorus last year. Takes role of Sophie in "Country Girl."

TURNING now to the old hands, we have Nina Valentine, who will be remembered chiefly for her characterization of Phoebe in "Yeoman of the Guards," played in 1929. Mrs. F. T. Portallion is also one of the "big shots" of that pick of the Philharmonic productions.

NOW for the men. Best acquisition undoubtedly is Jack Gresham, well known in local theatricals, but making his debut with the Philharmonic. He is going to be, in my opinion, the mainstay of the males. Plays comedy lead, with Walter Gill also excellent, supplies most of the humour, much of which has been localised. C. W. E. Bishop, who takes chief male role, is also a good acquisition with pleasing voice, while another new hand, L. A. Jordan, is outstanding in role of "Rajah of Bhong."

Worthy of mention among the men are H. M. Cockle, C. Dudley Bartlett, and H. J. Best. Latter is also Secretary of the Philharmonic, a task that is keeping him fully occupied apart from his stage rehearsals these days.

A WORD for the people who are doing all the work off-stage. Production is in the hands of the Rev. Cyril Brown, whose task is a heavy one, fortunately rendered somewhat lighter by the trained material in his hands. He is also making a debut with the Philharmonic. A. B. Yule, Bandmaster of the 2nd East Lancs. Regiment, will wield the orchestral baton, generally always good, but much better than in previous years, in hands of T. V. Harmon, and lighting in hands of R. C. Butler.

THIRD coincidence—interesting one, this. "Country Girl" was written by Adrian Ross. But that is only a pseudonym. The composer's real name was Adrian Ross Rogers. A son, Lt. John Rogers, of the Royal Artillery, is now in Hongkong, attached to local station. Unfortunately he will not be here to see local production (January 15, 16, 18 and 20 p.m. matinee on January 18), as he leaves for Home first week in January.

Elissa Landi Loses Her "Dearest Friend"

Countess Zanardi Landi, the 53-year-old mother of Miss Elissa Landi, the British film actress, has died suddenly in Hollywood.

Miss Landi was in England at the time.

She went to London to act opposite Douglas Fairbanks junior in "The Amateur Gentleman" and completed her part in the Elstree production the day before her mother died.

A newspaper representative spoke to Miss Landi at her London hotel: "I have lost my dearest friend," she said.

Some years ago the Countess published a book entitled "The Secret of an Empress." In it she claimed to be the youngest child of the Empress Elizabeth, consort of Francis Joseph of Austria, but explained that because of the wish of the Empress to keep one of her children to herself, her birth was kept secret, and she was brought away from the Court.

Her book was published during the Great War, and on this account did not attract so much attention as it otherwise might have done.

Cinema Chat

THE STAR YOU VOTED NUMBER 1 IS COMING TO HONGKONG

GOOD news for film fans, and, especially for admirers of Ginger Rogers.

Popular RKO-Radio star has intimated, in letter to Shanghai office, that her oft-delayed trip to Far East is likely to mature in the near future.

If nothing happens to mar present plans, she will leave Hollywood for Honolulu, Shanghai and Hongkong late March, arriving here early May.

She is keen to meet the hundreds of Hongkong admirers who, earlier this year, voted her the most popular screen star.

Hobby Lew Ayres will accompany her, and Hongkong will be chief port of call, stay-over, if any, being made here.

Since readers of morning contemporary voted Ginger their No. 1 favourite by overwhelming majority in February this year, she has become even more popular with local fans, two outstanding films "Gay Divorcee" and "Roberta" considerably enhancing her reputation.

Now we are about to see film that is said to top all previous work by Astaire-Rogers combination.

Good business tactics by Mr. C. Rossetti, Managing Director, has given the Alhambra theatre this scoop for the mainland, and, as result, the two principal island theatres are going to find it difficult to find a rival picture of equal pulling power for the next day of the year—Chinese New Year.

The picture is "Top Hat." It will be released at the Alhambra on Chinese New Year's Eve—January 25.

NOW and again the Alhambra do big things like this and, as a result, I can see considerable rivalry developing between the two sides of the harbour. Lots of people say the Alhambra is before its time, but watch how the people will flock to "Top Hat." "Lives of a Bengal Lancer" also had its premiere at this theatre and the result was capacity houses for every performance.

Speaking of Fred Astaire. An American dance band advertises that it plays "melodies that bring out the Astaire in you" . . .

Switchback to Ginger Rogers. To all you admirers, a tip. Not to be missed, even for a second viewing, is "Star of Midnights," scheduled at the Star Theatre to-morrow. Ginger, you'll remember if you saw it at King's a month or so back, plays opposite William Powell. They are as ideal a combination as were Powell and Myrna Loy in "Thin Man." Make this your No. 1 choice for Sunday.

The Shirley Temple cycle hasn't ended yet. Yet another of them is booked to make Hongkong premiere at the Alhambra to-morrow. The little Big Show Sybil Jason, who hauls from Capetown. If you like la Temple you'll like la Jason, because she's a blonde edition of her famous blonde contemporary.

Burns and Allen "gag."

Burns: Oh, hold your mouth.

Grace Allen: What, and get bitten?

How You Can Celebrate On Tuesday

PLenty of GAIETY FOR N.Y. EVE

BEFORE you go first-footing on Tuesday night, there are a dozen and one places where you can get that mellow feeling so necessary in these modern times to suitably greet a New Year.

More money is being spent in gaiety in Hongkong this season than for some time past, so everyone who caters for your entertainment is making a supreme bid for your patronage.

Elsewhere on this page you'll read of a fairly imposing line-up of films for the more sober-minded.

Dancing, however, is going to draw the largest crowds. Real Carnival is in the air on this eve of the New Year.

Old-friends—Cowen and Bailey and Ted and Evelyn (not forgetting Mistress of Ceremonies Estelle) are waiting to greet you at both the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels, which advertise Dinner Dance Carnivals until 3 a.m. on January 1.

Out, at Repulse Bay, where the crowd won't be so noisy and boisterous, Albert Hould, of the Magicians' Club in London, is billed as the attraction between dances.

The Gloucester Hotel, always sure of its quota of patrons, relies upon an excellent Chef as the chief attraction for its Carnival Dinner Dance, also billed to last until the small wee hours.

Most people finish up their celebrations over Kowloon side, where they can be lured to either K.C.C. or China Light and Power Club, both holding Plain and Fancy Carnivals. Former usually finishes 3 a.m.-ish, latter when you want to. Most people go to one, finish at other.

Startlingly large number of Hongkong people prove that they are not entirely irreligious by slipping into Church just about midnight, and you usually find packed congregations in hybrid dress, ranging from dinner jacket to ridiculous—depending on whether you're in fancy or not.

Oh, yes, and then there's "First Footings." An old Scottish custom. If you're a blonde, they'll welcome you with open arms, because dark people are lucky. Scottish gentlemen don't prefer blondes—until a blonde has crossed the threshold. Olden days it was customary to hold a lump of coal and a potato in your hand as you crossed the threshold—idea being that you'd bring heat and food for the rest of the year. In these modern times it's more customary to take a bottle of whisky, idea being, apparently, that you get the same effects.

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TOUCHING TRIBUTE
DOG LAYS WREATH BESIDE
SENATOR'S OFFIN

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Thousands paid tribute to Senator Thomas D. Schall, America's blind Senator, and critic of President Roosevelt, as his body lay in state in a flag-draped casket in the rotunda in the Minnesota capital.

Among those who paid tribute was a two-year-old German police dog, trained to guide the blind through traffic, which was to have been a Christmas present to the Senator. The dog gently laid a wreath at the side of the coffin.

Hundreds braved the bitterly cold weather to attend the funeral service which was held in the Lakewood Chapel, Minneapolis.—United Press.

POLICE CHANGES

MR. D. BURLINGHAM LEAVES FOR HOME

Mr. D. Burlingham, Deputy Inspector General of Police, who has been invalided out of the Police Force, left for home to-day aboard the P. and O. liner Naldera, accompanied by Mrs. Burlingham.

Consequently upon Mr. Burlingham's departure, Mr. L. H. V. Booth has been appointed Divisional Superintendent of Police and Mr. W. R. Scott acting D. S. I.

Sergeant C. Mottram and Sergeant W. N. Durkin are also sailing for home leave aboard the Naldera.

The following Police officers returned from leave aboard the P. and O. liner Rajputana on Thursday:

Sub-Inspector H. E. Rogers, who has been posted to Shamshui Po Police Station; Sergeant J. Forrest, also to Shamshui Po; and Sergeant D. Clark, to Central Police Station.

The following transfers were made effective as from December 24:

Sergeant Hutchinson from Regular Duty at Tsimshatsui to C. I. D. Preventor of Piracy Ordinance Duty at Tsimshatsui; vice Sergeant McCarthy.

Sergeant Hunter from Shamshui Po Police Station to C. I. D. Central for duty on the water front;

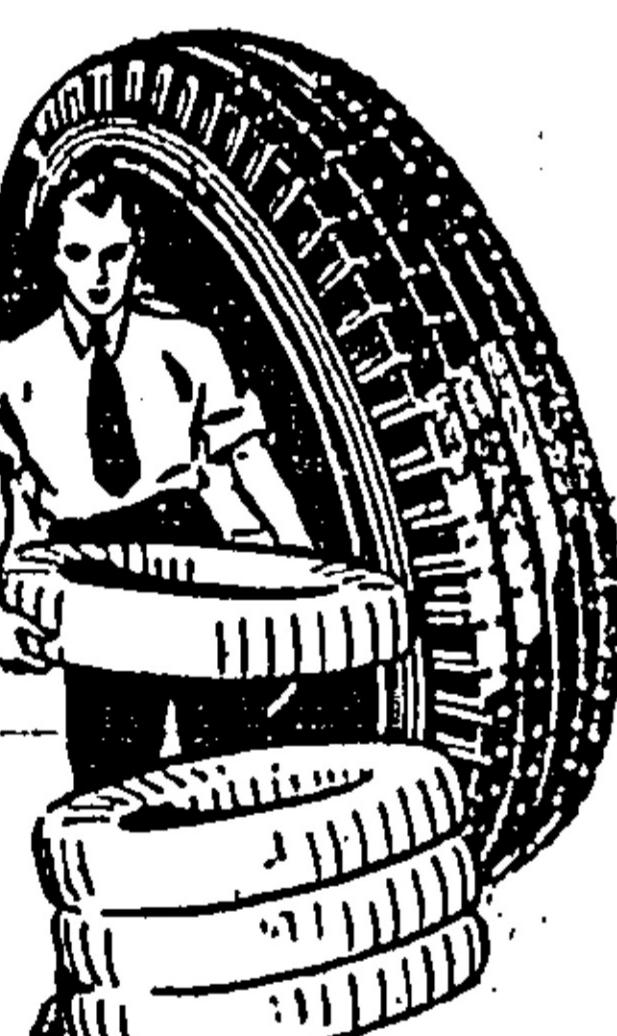
Sergeant McPherson from C. I. D. Central (water front) to C. I. D. Yau Ma Tei, to fill a vacancy.

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REMOVAL NOTICE

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CHURCH NOTICES

UNION CHURCH Usual Services For The Week

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at Union Church, Kennedy Road:

The Social Hour after the evening service will be held in the Church Hall.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association meets in the Church Hall every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. Service-men and others are welcome at this meeting.

Every Friday morning a Devotional service is held in the Helena May Institute at 10.30 a.m. Morning service 10.30 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Dinner Party at Sailors' And Soldiers' Home

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at Methodist Church, Wan Chai:

Sunday, December 29.—Morning service at 10.15 a.m. at English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Evening Service at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 30.—Christmas Dinner Party at Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at 7.30 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

(A Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)

Macdonald Road, below Bowen

Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service 11.15 a.m.

Subject: "Christian Science."

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Testimonial Meeting: Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Reading Room is located at above address and is open:

Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday, 10 to 12 noon.

All authorized Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room.

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DEATH OF MR. W. S. BAILEY

FORTY YEARS IN
COLONY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Seymour Bailey, Managing Director of W. S. Bailey and Company, Ltd., Kowloon Bay, which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital last evening after a short illness, at the age of 76 years.

A resident of the Colony for the past forty years, the late Mr. Bailey was one of the best liked and most highly respected business men in the Colony, having earned the affection both of friends and of the staff of the firm which he so successfully established and managed.

Born in Ireland, the late Mr. Bailey was formerly connected with the Australian coasting trade and with the China coast, before coming to Hongkong. The firm of W. S. Bailey and Company was formerly Messrs. Bailey and Murphy before the deceased took over the sole interest.

For many years the firm has had high standing as shipbuilders and repairers, specializing in smaller craft, which were regarded as models of good workmanship.

Mr. Bailey was also the builder of several river gunboats for the Canton Government.

Mr. Bailey was a keen sportsman and his specialty was boxing. He figured, as a young man, in many a hard-fought contest and was at one time light-weight champion of the Colony. Long after he had retired from the ring Mr. Bailey was referee and general patron of the sport, was still one of the leading figures in Hongkong boxing.

Mr. Bailey was also a keen swimmer and a fine long-distance runner. Until a few years ago, all through the summer, he would swim his three or four lengths at the Victoria Recreation Club, and then off for run, to keep himself fit.

Mr. Bailey enjoyed extraordinarily good health until about three years ago but, while in England, he had rather a serious illness. Though from then onward he had to take things more easily than had been his custom, he still kept hard at work and in fair health. He was in hospital for four days, and his passing was unexpected.

Mr. Bailey was a life member of the Institute of Engineers and Ship-builders; past president of the Kowloon Residents' Association; a member of the Hongkong Boxing Association and of the Hongkong Club. He was formerly a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and was also a keen and generous supporter of St. Andrew's Church.

The late Mr. Bailey is survived by a widow and four young children, two of whom are in Hongkong and two at school in Australia having left here only a few weeks ago. To them much sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon passing the Monument, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the lesson sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow—December 29—will be: Christian Science.

The Golden Text will be: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1)

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read:

The same day went Jesus out of the house and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a boat, and all sat in it; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And the disciples came and said unto them, why speakest thou unto them in parable? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysterious of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. (Matt. 13: 3-9)

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"In the year 1866, I discovered the Christian Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

"For three years after my discovery, I sought the solution of this problem of Mind-healing, searched the Scriptures and read little else, kept aloof from society, and devoted time and energies to discovering a positive rule. The search was sweet, calm, and buoyant with hope, not selfish nor despairing. I knew the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration." (Pages 107 and 109).

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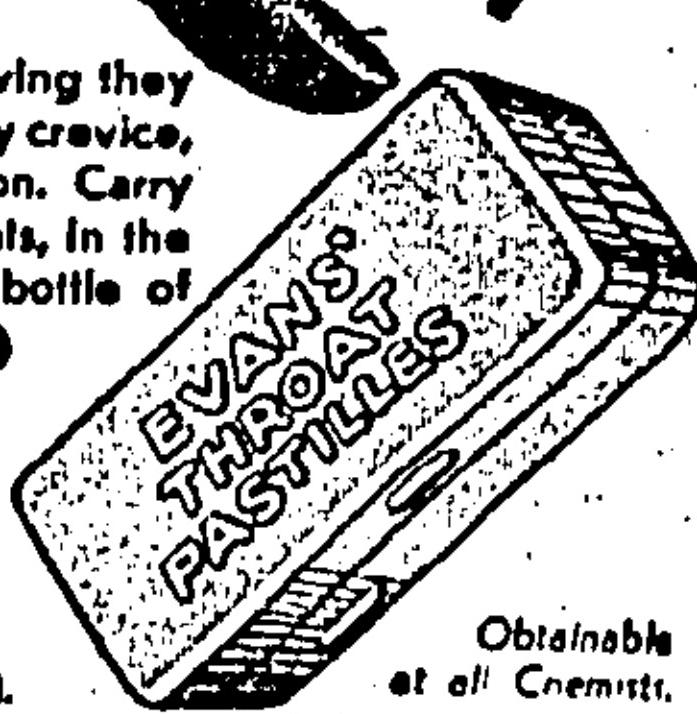


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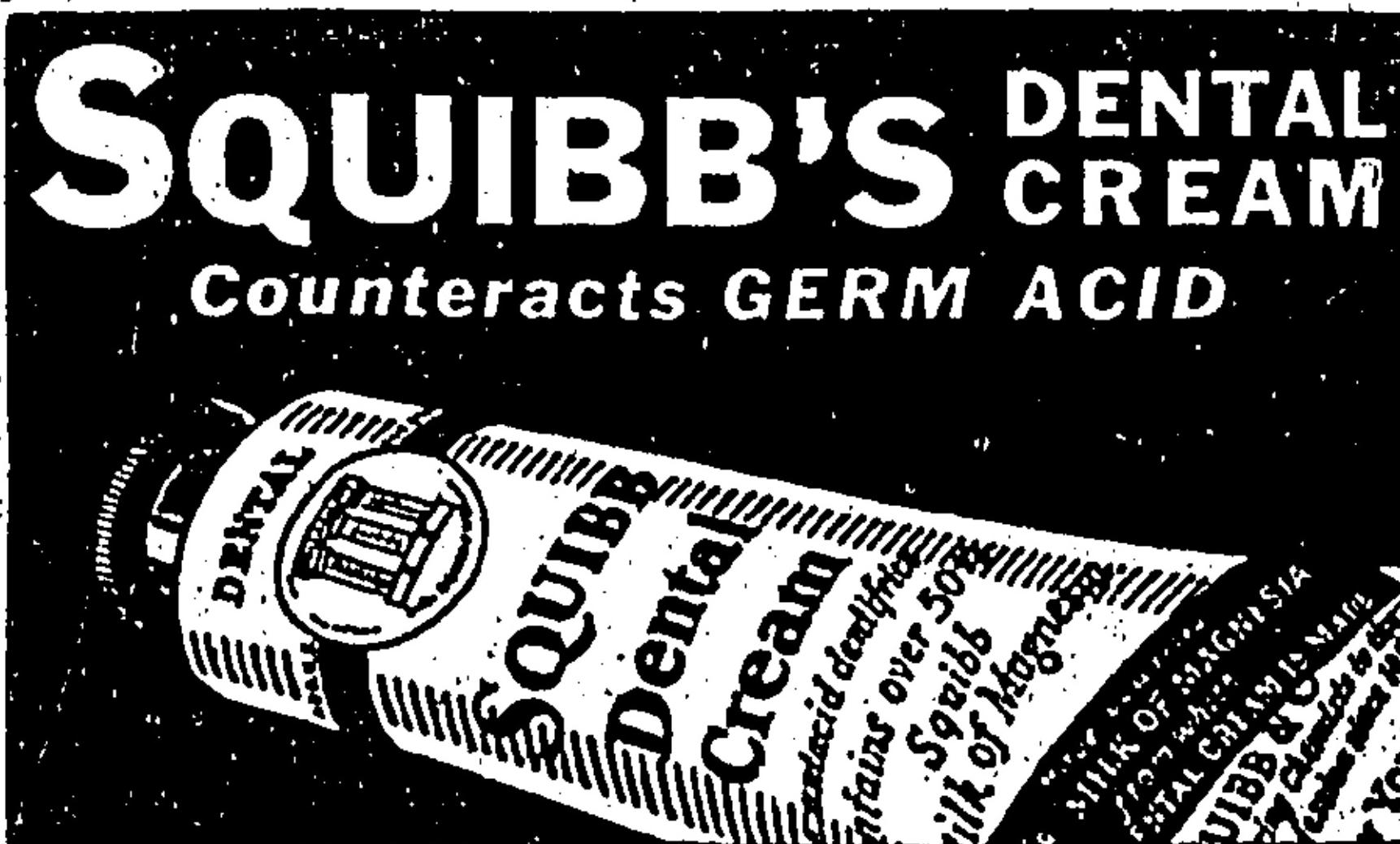
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RADIO BROADCAST

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Nocturnes in F Minor, Chopin; J. Songs: "Songs of Travel"; (a) The Vagabond, Vaughan Williams; (b) Bright is the Ring of Words, Vaughan Williams; (c) The Roadsides Fire, Vaughan Williams.

9.05 p.m. "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 4 in G (Elgar).

9.05-9.20 p.m. From the Studio.

A Recital by Elsa Alves (Soprano) accompanied by Fred Alves.

Programme.

1. Estrellita Ponca; 2. Homing Del Riego; 3. Lullaby Scotti; 4. Caro Nome ("Rigoletto") Verdi; 5. 9.20-9.45 p.m. "Carmen" Silva—Waltz (Ivanovich).

9.45-10 p.m. From the Studio.

10.45-10 p.m. The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

Faust—Ballet Music (Gounod);

Lynwood March (Hummel); Prairie Flower March (Hume).

10 p.m. Big Ben: Reuters Press Bulletin.

10.05-10.30 p.m. Dance Music.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

ZESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcast From The German Short-Wavers

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zesen as follows:

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

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DJQ 19.74 m 16.200 kc 1.30-3 p.m.

19.74 m 14.200 kc 4.45-6.15 p.m.

DJN 19.74 m 16.200 kc 8 p.m.-12.15 a.m.

4.45 p.m. Call DJQ, DJN (Germ. Eng.). German Folk Song, Programmes Forecast (Germ. Eng.).

5 p.m. "Carnival" Op. 9 by Robert Schumann.

5.30 p.m. News in English.

5.45 p.m. Relayed from Hamburg: Home News in German.

7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.

8 p.m. News in English.

8.15 p.m. Close down DJQ, DJN (Germ. Eng.).

EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJQ on 10.61 metres (16.280 kc.) 1.30-3 p.m. Concert news at 2 p.m.

9 p.m. Call DJQ, DJB, DJN (Germ. Eng.). German Folk Song (Germ. Eng.).

9.15 p.m. "Carnival" Op. 9 by Robert Schumann.

9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m. A Jolly Trip by Toy Railway.

10.45 p.m. Dance Music.

11.45 p.m. News in German on DJA, DJB and DJN (Germ. Eng.).

12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJB and DJN (Germ. Eng.).

TO-MORROW'S BROADCAST

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

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5.30 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m. A Jolly Trip by Toy Railway.

10.45 p.m. Dance Music.

11.45 p.m. News in German on DJA, DJB and DJN (Germ. Eng.).

12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJB and DJN (Germ. Eng.).

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9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m. A Jolly Trip by Toy Railway.

10.45 p.m. Short Musical Programme.

11.45 p.m. News and Review of the Week in English on DJA, DJB, DJN.

12.30 a.m. News and Review of the Week in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m. Concert by the Berlin Philharmonic.

11.15 p.m. News and Review of the Week in English on DJA, DJB, DJN.

11.30 p.m. Hiring Quartet in C major Op. 163 by Franz Schubert.

12.15 a.m. News and Review of the Week in German on DJA, DJB, DJN.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

In English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJQ, DJB, DJN (German, Engl.).

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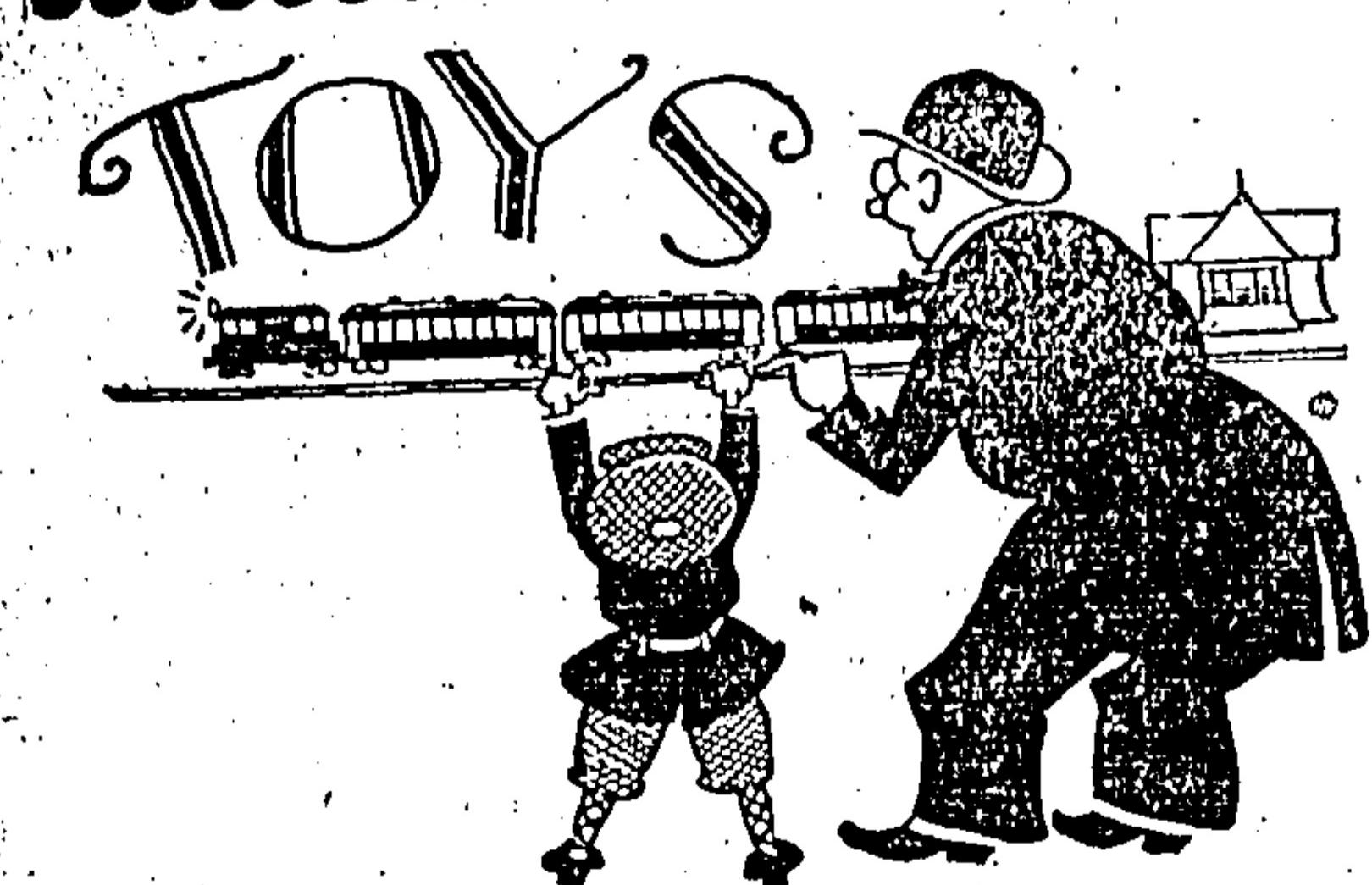
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SOCIAL SERVICE

The value of social service in dissipating ignorance, prejudice and misunderstanding has recently been stressed at Home by prominent personages actively associating themselves in work on behalf of those in need. Voluntary service and public service, it has well been pointed out, do not lead in opposite but in parallel directions. In Britain, the growth of social service is generally admitted to be of special importance, because the people believe in democracy and hate dictatorships placing more value on free and spontaneous growth than on "efficiency" secured by compulsion. The National Council of Social Service, through various councils scattered throughout the country, serves the purpose of bringing into fellowship and co-operation all who share its ideals. In this connection, the Council has always laid stress on the importance of a social unit and centre of *esprit de corps* of the community or neighbourhood served. This is the real school of democracy. It is being increasingly realised, moreover, that social remedies have to be adapted to modern conditions and requirements. In other times, social service often smacked of self-conscious benevolence and patronage; it stimulated class severance and obstructed the enormous happiness which flows from human sympathy. To-day, however, social service involves personal contact and personal action, not merely or even necessarily the process of giving. Modern conditions emphasise the need and true economy of prevention of social ills rather than their attempted cure. In the ideal State, overlapping and consequent waste of energy and money are avoided, with real co-operation between the State and the individual so that they may not be separated in watertight compartments to the detriment of both. Here in Hong Kong, due to a variety of peculiar local conditions, the great bulk of social service is discharged by voluntary organisations, which the Government assists by grants. However, in recent times, the authorities have gradually assumed a larger share of the task, particularly in connection with welfare work amongst sick and needy children. There is, moreover, a growing sense of communal responsibility towards the poorer classes, and it is significant of the enhanced interest in this work that there is manifest a marked desire that the problem of poverty be faced by some scheme of co-ordinated effort. The problem is admittedly difficult of solution, due, in the main, to economic factors, but the social conscience of the Colony is being awakened, and in course of time it should be possible to devise a scheme which will result in some of the worst evils of local conditions being eradicated.

NOTES OF THE DAY

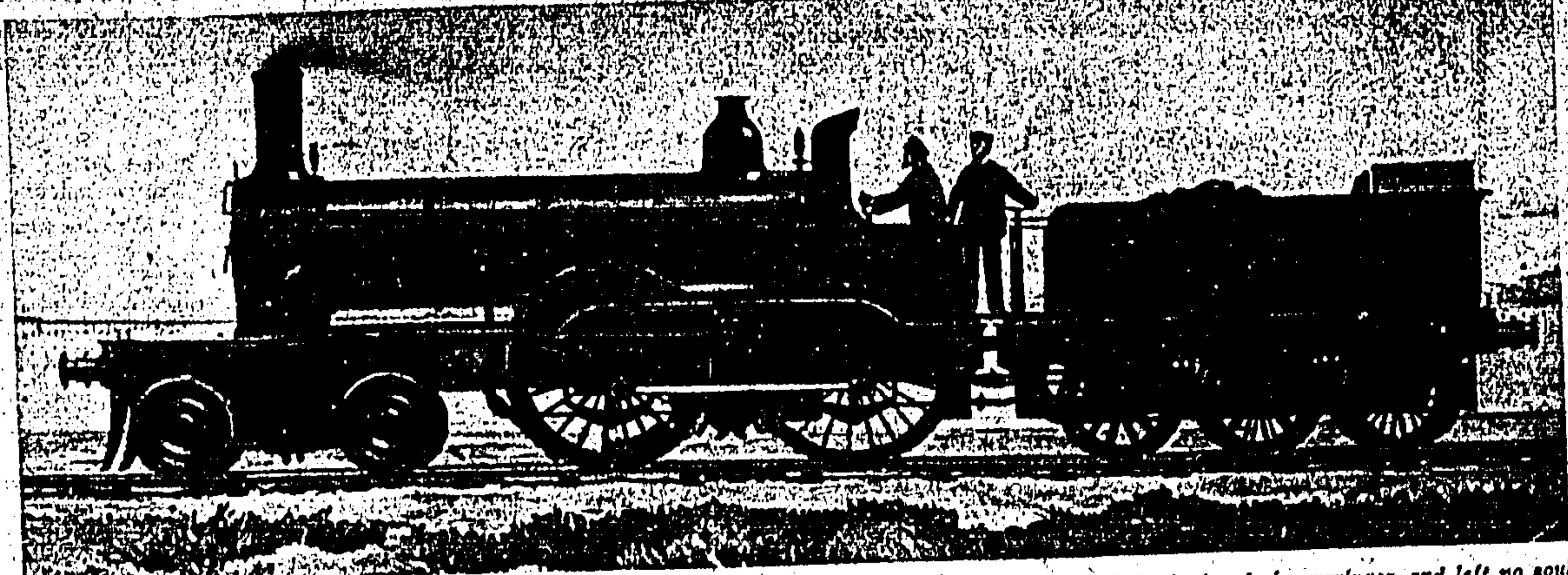
WHITHER EUROPE?

It is a self-evident truth, one supposes, that the intense nationalism in Europe to-day is the fire that keeps the pots of hate on the boil. It seems no less true that this nationalism is almost invariably an attribute of nations which have experienced revolution. It seems true that as often as not a dictatorship grows out of such internal upheavals of politics as can be classed as revolutions; and we find this strange paradox: that the reformers who insist upon the necessity of internationalism are themselves the most violent of patriots. Out of revolution came Mussolini, and the dictatorship, and that intense "Italianism" of to-day. And that is only an example.

We learn from H. A. L. Fisher's "History of Europe," that he puts the blame for the intense hostile nationalism of the past two centuries upon the growing passion for freedom which has swept the nations of the world, sometimes with shocking consequences, since the teachings of Mazzini, Cavour, Kossuth, Gambetta, and their like, first reached the people. The ideals which inspired these great liberators were undoubtedly splendid, the love of country, the fierce pride and the refusal to accept alien domination. Their achievements were tremendous. But they created that super-sensitive national consciousness; a new susceptibility, suspicion and fear came in natural sequence. The newly-free rattled their swords at the first suspicion of an alleged symptom of lack of respect. . . . In other words, very often at nothing. Anyway, the quest for freedom continued on the Continent while nation-consciousness grew to nightmare strength. Hegel and Marx laid the foundations of Fascism and Communism, and contended by Locke and Rousseau. Which should it be? A state for the benefit of the people, or a people who lived only for the benefit of the state?

We commence to wonder how much freedom is to be found in the doctrines of the revolutionary leaders when we remember that the world's greatest modern dictators, for the most part, sprang from the Communist field. The Second International contained the names of Lenin (the Russian leader who, many insist, was more an autocrat than a communist), Trotsky, Stalin, and others.

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The engine that, on the night of Sunday, December 22, 1879, fell through the old Tay Bridge, with its train of six carriages, and lost no soul to tell the tale. After its fall to the bottom of the Tay it lay submerged for some three months, but was eventually recovered.

The Railway Disaster That Horrified The World

Homeward bound to join their folk for New Year's Eve . . . Fifty-six years ago to-day, on a turbulent Scottish Sunday, the train commenced its last journey. Aboard were seventy-five or so—the real number has never been ascertained—passengers. A plate-layer idly watched its progress as it commenced to cross the Tay Bridge. Then . . . a great flash of fire sprang up, and the three tail lights disappeared from his view . . . The entire train and its occupants dropped into the waters below like a drowned rocket and for two days, until divers descended to the bed of the Tay, no one knew exactly what had happened.

Out of the Tay Disaster, which struck horror into the hearts of all Scotland, grew the colossal Forth Bridge, which owes its extremely massive design entirely to the catastrophe.

Had the train been a few minutes earlier or later, it is quite possible that the old Tay Bridge would be standing to-day, and the Forth bridge may have been of less spectacular design.

It is curious that nobody has recorded what sort of passage the ferry boat made on that rough night. It can be very boisterous on that part of the Firth without the assistance of a phenomenal storm, but the gale would be in the steamer's favour on this occasion.

The Tay Bridge had been opened on June 1 in the previous year, and had therefore had an existence of only some nineteen months. It carried a single track with check rails throughout, and was 3,465 yards—nearly two miles—long. It consisted of eighty-six spans varying from 29 to 246 feet in length. There were eleven of the latter length and two of 227 feet, these thirteen spans being the high wrought-iron lattice of girders—27 feet high and 14 feet 10 inches apart—which fell. The piers were made of them of brick, but most consisted of hexagonal brick pedestals surmounted by groups of cast-iron pillars bolted and braced together. The bridge was neither level nor straight, but—from the Fife side rose gradually to the high girders, and then fell rapidly 1 in 74 to the Forfar side which it approached on a curve of 20 chains radius. The maximum height of the rails above high water was 92 feet, and the maximum depth of the river at high water was 35 feet.

The bridge was built from the designs of Mr. T. Bouch, engineer to the North British Railway (who was knighted on its completion), by Hopkins, Gilkes and Co.,

Middlesborough, and cost £350,000.

Prior to opening the Board of Trade tested it by running to and fro, at the speed of forty miles an hour, six heavy locomotives and tenders, weighing 438 tons, and forming 291 feet long, and under that severe proof the spans showed but an insignificant deflection, although as a matter of precaution the licensed speed of trains was limited to twenty-five miles an hour, a regulation which the Railway Company ignored.

It is noteworthy that General Hutchinson, the inspector, said that he would have liked an opportunity of observing the effects of a high wind when a train was running over the bridge. The south-west storm which caused the disaster was the most severe for many years, as was evidenced by the fact that it uprooted, not far from Dundee, oaks which were known to be three hundred years old. A gale had prevailed all day on Saturday, subsiding on Sunday morning. But it burst out again in the afternoon, and had reached its maximum about the time of the accident. It was characterised by fearful squalls, driving rain before them in blinding clouds. No accurate observations appear to have been taken at Dundee, but Professor Grant at Glasgow Observatory testified that the velocity of wind there at 7.10 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. was seventy-two miles per hour, but sudden gusts occurred from time to time which momentarily attained a velocity of ninety miles per hour, equal to 40-lb. pressure on the square foot.

The train stopped at St. Fife, two miles south of the bridge, where tickets were collected, and at 7.15 p.m. passed the south signal-box at low speed to enable the signalman to hand the line staff to the fireman, which was done without remarks being exchanged. At that moment bright moonlight prevailed, but it was occasionally obscured by masses of dark clouds blown rapidly along.

In the south signal cabin, with the signalman was a plate-layer, who had dropped in for a chat. This man watched the progress of the train from the cabin window and noticed that soon after it had got upon the bridge sparks appeared (Continued on Page 7.)

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

There was a shortage of mistletoe this year, but even so, that good old k'smas feeling seemed to be abroad.

Wives who gave the proverbial carpet slippers at least made sure of making their presents felt!

Another man we know was given a telescope. Wonder if he saw stars?

Every Hongkong woman may not know how to cook, but judging from the appearance of some of their plates, most of them know how to stuff turkey.

By the same token, some men who would never get the town alight, found it an easy matter with the pudding.

We heard a local resident declare that he has seen an inhaled turkey. We ourselves tried to carve one that ended up under the table.

The charge that the Colonial Office overlooks Hongkong is denied by Sir William Peel. They even tell us how much we shan't spend on the Travel Association.

We hear of one yachting party which sailed round the Island three times during Christmas. They made sure of passing the port.

Two tigers were seen on Boxing Day. We shouldn't have been surprised had it been a whole zoological garden.

Certain local yachtsmen had a bon-bon voyage.

One lady we hear about got a diamond ring out of a cracker. It was her most important Christmas engagement.

We hear of one man who has made a New Year resolution to get married. So far we have not heard about his second "her."

Sir William Peel told the China Association that speeches are conspicuous by their absence in the Hongkong Legislative Council. But this doesn't necessarily mean that our Unofficials are dumb.

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"Her husband told me not to let her take the car out, but what can I do?"



A most enjoyable fancy dress dance was held at the Peak Hotel recently, when the above flashlight photograph was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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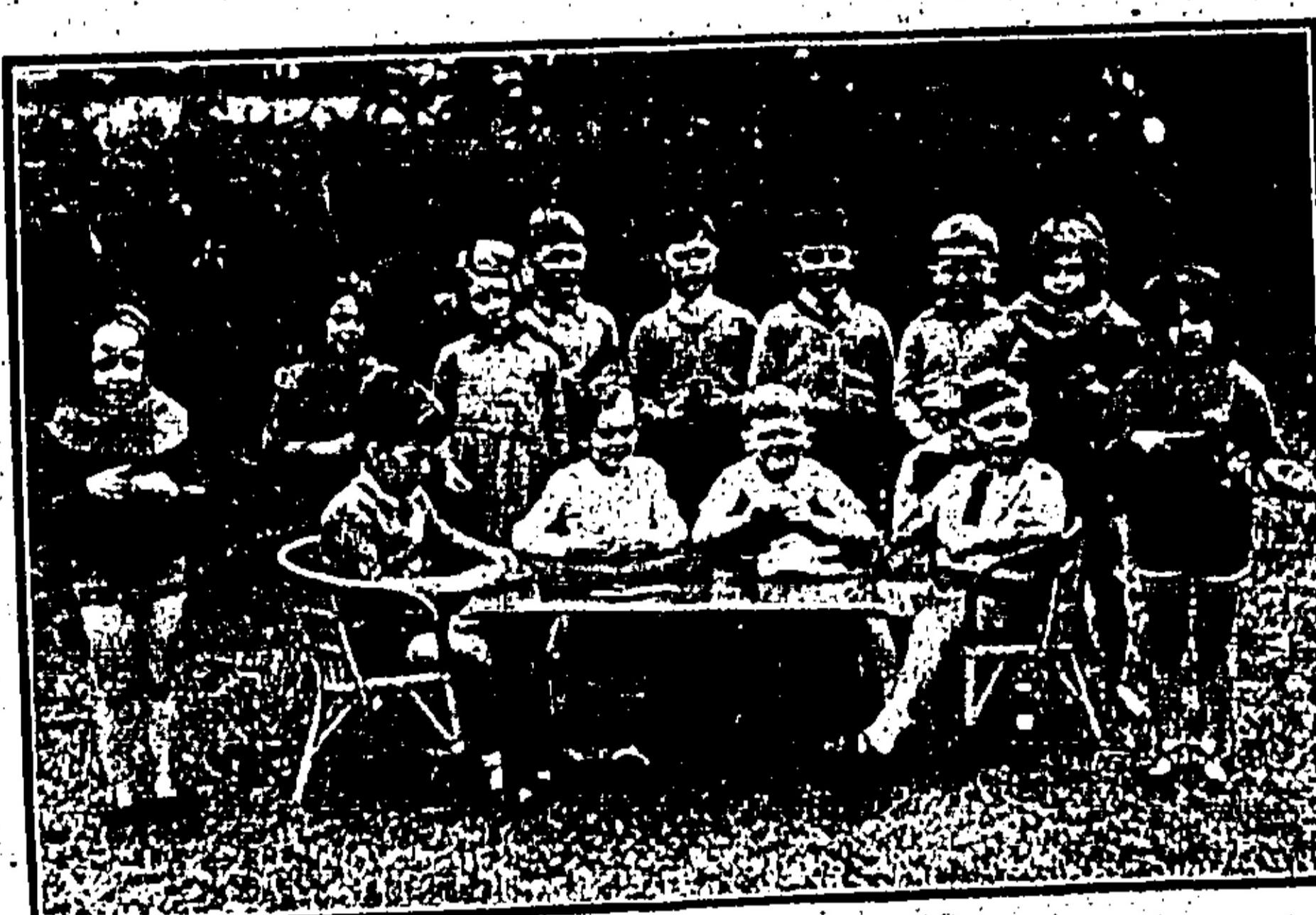
The bridal party at the wedding of Mr. Ko Fook-sing, son of Mr. Ko Ho-ning, Manager of the Foo Hang Bank, and Miss S. K. Woo (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Bridal group taken at the wedding of Mr. Leung, Iyu Choi and Miss She Pick-har. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



A happy quartette of little girls who took part in the Laloma School Christmas party. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Kiddies of the Laloma School enjoying themselves at the recent Christmas party. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Picture shows a class at work in the aero-engine workshop of the Far East Flying Training School.



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"The Coming of Christ"—a Nativity play enacted by the upper classes of the Holy Spirit Anglo-Chinese School in Caine Road on the occasion of the prize-giving held at St. Patrick's Hall. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on Friday of last week of Mr. R. G. Edwards Jones and Miss Mary Kerr, after which the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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The Railway Disaster That Horrified The World

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at the rail level, and continued all the way along. These were probably caused by the wheel flanges grinding against the eastern rail as the train felt the force of the westward pull.

Suddenly, just at the time when the train appeared to have reached the high girders, a great flash of fire sprang up, and the three red tall lamps disappeared from his view in a moment, and appeared to descend into the river.

Alarmed, he told the signalman, who was inclined to doubt; but not seeing any sign of the train on the curve towards Dundee, he tried to signal to the north cabin, but found his telegraph wire interrupted.

They then started to walk across the bridge, but were intimidated by the furious blast. The writer came to understand this, when eighteen months later, he walked along the narrow platform of the bridge from Wormit, as far as the gap, in a fitful but not particularly boisterous wind.

They returned and ran along the Fife Shore, seeking for a view of the bridge. At last the moon burst out again, and they perceived a long gap in the line of the structure. As quickly as possible they made their way to Newport with the dismal news.

How the catastrophe appeared from the north side has been graphically told by a gentleman whose house was near the river, and commanded a good view of the bridge. He was at his parlour fireside giving his children a Bible lesson, and feeling a deep sense of gratitude that they were safe from the storm which howled outside, when he was attracted to the window by a startling crash caused by the blowing down of a neighbour's chimney tops.

He found a bright blaze of moonlight lighting up the broad expanse of the Tay, and showing the long white line of the bridge.

Looking at his watch, he found that it was just seven o'clock, and said, "The Edinburgh train will be due imminently; let us watch if it will attempt to cross on such a night."

They turned down the gas in the parlour and grouped at the window to watch for the train. The moonshine became more intermittent, and great scurrying clouds at times intercepted it altogether.

"There she comes," said one of the children, and at that moment the slowly moving lights of the Edinburgh train could be distinctly seen rounding the curve at Wormit and passing the southern signal-box.

The train, once on the bridge, seemed to move more rapidly, and when the engine entered the tunnel-like high girders his little girl described the effects of the lights momentarily shining through and then eclipsed by the lattice work as "like lightning."

While they were watching, a comet-like burst of fiery sparks sprang up, as though forcibly re-jected into the darkness by the engine, and a long trail or streak of fire was seen to fall till quenched in the water below. Then there was darkness on the track.

A silence fell upon the eager group at the window as the idea broke upon them that the train had fallen over the bridge and was in the river.

With growing horror they watched the curve at the north side to try and see if the train would pass that point, but several minutes elapsed, and no moving object broke the continuity of the bridge. The gentleman took his hat and hurried out and across Magdalen Green, where he met several individuals who had observed that something was wrong with the crossing train.

The wind at that time was so strong that he had to crouch down upon the grass of the Green to prevent being carried bodily away. One man was blown against another, and both tumbled together. The massive signal post beside the north box was bent by the wind like a willow, and on entering the Esplanade the pebbles were dash-

ing about with such force that the hands and face were positively sore with the violence of the impact.

When the alarm was given to Stationmaster at Tay Bridge Station and the Dundee locomotive crew made their way along the bridge in spite of the storm, and the latter persisted until he came within a few yards of the gap.

Consternation, as may well be imagined, prevailed in Dundee. The Provost and other prominent men embarked in one of the New-port ferries, and with great difficulty steamed up to the bridge, when they made out that all the long spans were down, and that a gap of at least half a mile existed.

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DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

OUR DOUTHS ARE TRAITORS, AND MAKE US LOSE THE GOOD WE OFT MIGHT WIN BY FEARING TO ATTEMPT.—Shakespeare.

H. Excellence the Governor has appointed Mr. C. J. Rao to be Secretary and Mr. C. Ping-tsung to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council.

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CANDID CONFESSION

CHINESE CAUGHT WITH MOULDS IN POLICE RAID

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QUIET WEDDING

LIEUT. F. PURCELL MARRIES MISS N. E. SOUTH

A quiet wedding was solemnised at the Peak Church, yesterday morning, when Miss Norah Eva South, formerly of the nursing staff at the Military Hospital, became the bride of Lieut. F. V. Purcell, R.A. The Rev. H. C. Davies, M.C., A.F.C., officiated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Captain Temple Morris, R.A.O.C., wore a lavender shaded costume and, instead of the usual bouquet, carried a prayer-book.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Lieut. Roger Walter, R.A. Appropriate music was rendered on the organ by Lieut. A.W. Lorenz, R.E.

After the ceremony, a reception was given to the newly-wed couple and their friends by Mrs. H. G. Seth-Smith, Thorpe Manor.

Lieut. and Mrs. Purcell left for a trip to North China later in the day.

RESIDENT RETIRING

MARINE SUPERINTENDENT OF JARDINES

Hongkong shipping circles will soon be losing one of their most prominent personalities owing to the forthcoming retirement of Capt. Donald Skinner, the Marine Superintendent of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., for whom Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. are the General Managers.

Capt. Skinner's association with China and Hongkong dates back to 1907, when he arrived off Foochow as an apprentice on the full-rigged ship King George, which was renamed "I Russell" in 1911.

A natural ability backed up by hard work enabled him to rise to the position which he occupies to-day. During his service with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, he has been in command of 14 vessels.

Capt. Skinner went to live at Hull at an early age. At that port the seeds of desire to "go to sea" were sown. After a period at the Hull Grammar School, Capt. Skinner was apprenticed to the firm of Messrs. Rankin Gilmore and Co., of Liverpool, serving in their fine tramp steamers for over three years. He obtained his early training on the St. Irene, St. Bede and Saint Ebert.

He then joined the Prince Line for a while, later being apprenticed to the Anglo-American Oil Co. While with this firm he joined the sailing ship, King George, reputed to be one of "Russell's coffins." Despite this reputation, Capt. Skinner found her to be a fine vessel, well equipped, and along with the usual "salt horse" of those days, her master was most indulgent in seeing that his apprentices learned their business.

His service on the King George gave Capt. Skinner a sound knowledge of the sea, and even to this day he holds a very high regard for those "windjammer days."

Arrival in China

Capt. Skinner first saw China when he arrived off Foochow on the King George in 1907. Anchoring off Matsui Island, the ship took on 50 Chinese and sailed up to Pagoda Anchorage. It was not a pleasant nor an easy job for a deeply laden sailing vessel of 3,000 gross tonnage.

The Chinese who were taken on the ship assisted in manning the braces, though they did not "splice" them. From Foochow the vessel proceeded to Swatow, sailing into that port after being delayed for two days off Peak Rock for lack of wind.

The next port of call from Swatow was Hongkong. The voyage took the King George 14 days to complete. Some idea of the progress made by modern shipping can be gauged by the fact that steam vessels do this now in only 16 hours.

While in Hongkong, Capt. Skinner obtained his Second Mate's certificate and joined the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. His first ship was the ill-fated Loong Sang, which sank in the harbour off Blake Pier in the big typhoon of 1923. He also served on the Siau.

Leaving the Indo-China S.N. Co. he joined the China Navigation Co. and was with them for two years, serving on the old Kaifeng and the Shantung. Re-joining the Indo-China Co., he passed through the various stages from junior officer to the command of 14 vessels, and in 1923 became Assistant Marine Superintendent. He later became the Senior Marine Superintendent of the Company.

A Fine Record

Capt. Skinner's record throughout his life has been a successful one marked by capability, hard work, and attention to his duties and the various interests of his Company.

As a member of the Technical Sub

Promising New Lady Tennis Player

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NEW AMERICA'S CUP VESSEL ALL STEEL

London, Dec. 5.—Work on Mr. T. D. M. Sonwith's new America's Cup challenger will begin in a few days at Gosport, Hants. She will, it is hoped, be ready to take part in the early regatta of next spring. Endeavour II, is to be built to the extreme length permitted by the rules. She will be an all-steel vessel.

MRS. DOWLING

Forehand Drives

K. C. C. PAIR WINS

A player, who, if she takes part is likely to have a big say in the destination of the ladies' singles tennis title of the Colony, figured prominently in a first round Colony Mixed Doubles Championship encounter yesterday when G. C. Burnett and Miss Olive Dalziel beat Major L. E. B. Dowling and Mrs. Dowling 8-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Mrs. Dowling gave a brilliant display of tennis and all but won the match off her own racket. Unfortunately Major Dowling could not strike form and was lamentably weak on the backhand.

RAKING FOREHAND DRIVE

Mrs. Dowling's chief asset is a raking forehand cross-court drive which compares favourably with the same fierce shot of Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Wilson. She constantly "used" the opposition yesterday, especially when they came in on service. She also displayed a reliable backhand and on such a showing ranks as one of the best lady players in the Colony.

Her game contains no real weakness, although she depends very largely on her powerful forehand to collect points.

Burnett played a well judged game and was wonderfully steady at the net from where he volleyed with discernment and effect. His consistency paved the way for the success of the K.C.C. pair, who now remain the only representatives of the club in the championship.

Miss Dalziel recovered after a nervous start and supported sound ground strokes with some useful and timely interventions at the net. Burnett and Miss Dalziel now meet the holders, Goldman and Miss R. Hancock in the second round.

LOCAL HOCKEY

Singapore Brigade Beat Club

The Hongkong Hockey Club Reserves met the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., at King's Park yesterday and were beaten by three goals to one.

The Gunnery were undoubtedly the better side and were two goals up at one stage in the first half. The Club improved, however, and A.R.A. Bothe reduced the deficit.

In the second half play was very even, but the Club defence was unable to prevent the Gunnery from adding another to their total.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P.	W.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
St. Andrew's "A"	5	5	0	40	5	1
Rocoro "B"	5	4	1	39	5	8
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C.R.C.	5	4	1	34	11	8
Fire Brigade	5	4	1	29	22	8
St. John's	7	4	3	62	35	8
St. Andrew's "B"	5	2	4	10	36	4
Talbot R.C.	6	2	4	10	35	4
V.R.C.	6	1	5	10	38	2
S. and S. Homo	6	0	17	37	0	0
Kowloon Tong	5	0	5	19	44	0
Elliot Hall "A"	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elliot Hall "B"	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPTAIN'S CUP

Kowloon Golf Club Qualifiers

E. Christensen with a card of 78-16=93, and J. W. Martin with 88-18=70 qualified for the Captain's Cup competition at the Kowloon Golf Club during the week.

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LATEST RUGBY RESULTS

LEICESTER HELD TO A POINTLESS DRAW

London, Dec. 27.—Four big rugby union matches were played to-day, Reuter cables the following results:

Cross Keys 11 London Welsh 3

Leicester 0 Harlequins 0

Northampton 3 Moseley 3

Cardiff 14 Watsonians 9

The Club rugby fifteen which lost last week to the Army in the Triangular Tournament. The Club meet Navy this afternoon and have made several team changes expected to strengthen the side. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

PACIFIC OLYMPIC GAMES PROJECT

BIG SCHEME ON FOOT

(By "Veritas".)

A Pacific Olympic Games meeting once every four years is envisaged by Japanese and New Zealand athletic officials if a scheme, now being contemplated, materializes.

Mr. Samuel J. Gudell, assistant secretary of the Auckland centre of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, and a sports writer for the *Auckland Star* and *Auckland Weekly News*, who is now in Hongkong on his way back to New Zealand after a business trip in Japan, outlined the scheme to me yesterday.

It is aimed to secure the support of countries such as the Philippines, Java, China, Japan, the Pacific Coast of America, British Columbia, Mexico, Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile. It is felt that more and more is the Pacific becoming the centre of world sport, and that such a scheme would bring together some of the finest athletic talent in the world without the same heavy financial burdens imposed by the World Olympics.

It has been tentatively suggested that Honolulu, as being the most central spot, should stage such Games, and this would ensure the meeting being carried through within three weeks.

A certain well-known cricketer, he added, wanted the rule to apply to the leg-side as well as the off-side, and to off-side balls which struck the pads, not between wicket and wicket, but which would otherwise hit the stumps. Such an addition, in Mr. Findlay's view, would cramp batting.

A TOKEN OF AFFECTION

On behalf of the first-class secretaries who yesterday arranged the fixtures for next summer, Mr. R. V. Ryder, secretary of Warwickshire, presented Mr. Findlay with an inscribed silver salver as "a token of appreciation and affection" on his retirement from the office of secretary of Marylebone Cricket Club.

A. F. Wensley and G. S. Boyes have been granted benefits next summer by their respective counties, Sussex and Hampshire. Wensley takes the match v. Notts at Hove on June 27, and Boyes the match v. Somerset at Southampton on July 18.

After vain appeals since the War for a fixture with a touring international cricket team Ireland were successful yesterday at Lord's. They have been given a match against All India at Dublin on July 9, 10 and 11.

Mr. Gudell also revealed that the New Zealand A.A.A. has extended an invitation to Japan and the Philippines to send track and field and swimming teams to the Antipodes for the 1936-37 season. The Philippines have already shown themselves to be in favour of such a visit, and it is fairly certain that Japan will accept.

It is probable that the New South Wales and Queensland athletic authorities will also be prepared to assist in the scheme and will make provision for the teams to appear at Brisbane and Sydney en route to New Zealand.

The inclusion of baseball in the World Olympic programmes of the future is being agitated for by America and Japan, said Mr. Gudell. America has succeeded in obtaining permission from the Berlin organisers of the 1936 Olympics to stage an exhibition of the game, and if Japan succeeds in getting the 1940 meeting allocated to Tokyo, it is fairly certain that baseball will be officially included as the game is so popular in Japan.

WORLD FEDERATION

This will probably lead to the establishment of a World Baseball Federation with the object of controlling organised baseball throughout the world. At the present time clubs outside of America have no rules for guidance apart from those adopted by America, and in various places these rules have been varied.

It is felt that the game is now becoming popularised in other countries and that there will be the need of a single control and an established set of regulations. In New Zealand baseball games are staged before the big rugby league matches and in consequence the game is becoming quite popular in the country. In Japan, of course, it already has a nation-wide appeal, and it is also played in Shanghai, Canton, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

If baseball does become officially recognised by the World Olympic committee, it is fairly certain that a World Baseball Federation will result.

MANY CRICKET CONVERTS

Mr. Findlay On The L.B.W. Rule

Upon the occasion of the annual meeting of county cricket secretaries at Lord's yesterday, Mr. W. Findlay, who is shortly retiring from the secretoryship of the M.C.C., alluded to the unqualified success of the experimental l.b.w. rule.

"Many of those people who at the start opposed the innovation," he added, "admitted at the finish that their fears were groundless. The new rule does help the bowler, and it will help him still more if he makes use of the bowling-crease."

A certain well-known cricketer, he added, wanted the rule to apply to the leg-side as well as the off-side, and to off-side balls which struck the pads, not between wicket and wicket, but which would otherwise hit the stumps. Such an addition, in Mr. Findlay's view, would cramp batting.

Several changes have been made in the Club team which, it is hoped, will add more dash to the side... The new rule will be represented by:

R. C. Frost: K. A. Munro, L. G. Robertson (Captain), A. M. W. Scott and J. Hutchison; A. H. R. Butcher and J. L. Bonnar; A. F. Walkden, S. C. Chambers, J. H. McElroy, J. S. Bennett, W. E. Peers, F. J. McGowan, E. P. Humphreys and M. S. Cumming.

The Navy will be represented by: Much. Thomas (Dorsetshire); Mid. Wright (Dorsetshire), Lieut. Fraser (Dorsetshire), Tel. Jones (Parthian) and Lieut. St. Clair Ford (Orpheus) capt.; Lieut. Miles (Rainbow) and Lieut. Knox (Parthian); Marine Light (Dorsetshire), P. O. Wyman (Dorsetshire), A. B. Woodman (Falmouth), Pay. Lieut. Somerton (Kent), Tel. King (Tamar), Lieut. Holland-Martin (Tarantula), Lieut. Winter (Rainbow), A. B. Evans (Dorsetshire).

The Club "A" XV. will meet the Army "A" XV. on the same ground at 2.45 p.m.

The Club team will be: R. Edwards; H. F. Hopkins, B. J. Gallagher, Rev. K. D. Mackenzie Dow, L. J. A. Fellden; G. S. Wilson, F. C. Black; W. Stoker, W. R. Andrews, D. K. Paul, B. D. G. Barlow, S. H. Garrod, A. K. Forsyth, B. Hynes, E. B. Gamwell.

Reserves: R. H. Griffiths and J. H. Hawke. Referee, D. W. MacKenzie.

PREVIOUS RECORDS

It is interesting to note that Nourse's double century is to be scored by to be scored by a South African in Test cricket. After Faulkner's innings of 204, the previous best made against Australia is C. N. Frank's 152 at Johannesburg in 1921-2. Four Innings of over 200 have been recorded by Australians against South Africa. Den Bradman holds the record with 209 not out made at Adelaid in 1931-2, and he also hit up 205 at Brisbane in the same series. The previous best was Victor Trumper's 214 not out put together at Adelaid in 1910, while in 1921-2 H. G. Collins scored 203 at Johannesburg, this being the first double century to be scored in Test cricket on South African soil.

LADIES' HOCKEY

St. Andrew's Team For To-day

The following will represent St. Andrew's Ladies in a hockey match against the Y.M.C.A. Ladies on Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, at 3 p.m. today.

Mrs. R. Rose, G. White and R. Stevenson, M. Churn, J. Wong and L. Lowe, F. Wong, N. Lee, P. Gittins, J. Booker and I. Gittins.

THE NAZI ORGANISATION OF SPORT

THE PLAYER WHO IS "WEHRHAFTIG" IS A BETTER SOLDIER

German Cinema-Goers have lately been seeing a news film which shows a Cabinet Minister swinging gracefully on the parallel bars—Herr Hess, the Führer's Deputy, competing for the Reich Sport Badge. Except for the addition of a small swastika, the Reich Sport Badge is not new; it was introduced into Germany from Sweden several years before the Nazis were able to reorganise German sport. Now is the encouragement given to Germans to win it. The War Minister announced a few days ago that it might be worn with military uniform. Herr Hess has shown his interest.

The badge is not easily won. The with any problems that arose concerning sport, its Nazi successor, the *Reichsportführung*, under Herr von Tschammer und Osten, is responsible to the same Ministry. But the *Reichsportführung* occupies a six-storey building of its own in the Hardenbergstrasse near the busy traffic junction of Knie. From here the Reich Sport Leader and his staff supervise the organisation of German sport, including the distribution of the Reich Sport Badge and the elaborate parades for the Olympic Games.

Herr von Tschammer und Osten emphasises that his duties are strictly supervisory and representative, and concern the general rather than the particular. The President of the German Football League, for instance, is elected by the member clubs, and the choice then submitted to the Reich Sport Leader for ratification. This procedure is followed in other branches of sport. The *Reichsportführung* is engaged chiefly in fostering sport and unifying its organisation. One of the first things it has aimed at is to abolish leagues and clubs of which membership depends upon the player's religious or

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THE FORD LABORATORY TEST SET TAKES THE GUESS WORK OUT OF SERVICE

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Flays Bowling AUSTRALIANS MAY LOSE

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.

Cricket history was made here to-day by A. D. Nourse, the South African batsman, when, in South Africa's second innings, of the second Test match against Australia he scored 231. It established a new record for the highest individual innings played by a South African against Australia in Test cricket, the previous best being G. A. Faulkner's 204, compiled at Melbourne in 1910-11.

Large as a result of Nourse's grand innings South Africa brought victory within their grasp. They made the huge total of 491, which is the second highest score ever made by South Africa against the Australians, and the best ever compiled in a second innings.

This left the Australians to score 399 to win, and at the close of play they had hit up 85 for the loss of one wicket, on a wearing pitch.

BOWLERS HUMILIATED

Ten thousand spectators cheered A. D. Nourse first to his century and then to his second hundred. He made them in 298 minutes, and was so brilliant all round the wicket that he completely humiliated the Australian bowlers.

No less than 36 boundaries stood to his credit when his grand innings came to a close. When he had scored 225 Nourse was struck in the stomach with a fast ball and was obviously suffering great pain, but he continued and added another six runs before being out.

The Australians set about their task of scoring 399

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CENTRAL AUTHORITY NEEDED TO RUN CRICKET LEAGUE

COME-AND-HAVE-A-CUP-OF-TEA FIXTURE MAKING

HOW HAVE I. R. C. MANAGED TO GET SEVEN HOME MATCHES?

(By R. Abbit)

Owing to the incidence of Christmas holidays and that sort of thing I am afraid that my Cricket Notes have got a bit astray. However, these will, I hope, be in print before noon on Saturday. There is not very much however to deal with that is not old news!

The Club and Army match will be continued at 1.30 p.m. (and not at 2 p.m. as I stated yesterday), but as I said yesterday there is little chance of a decision unless there is a collapse somewhere. The feat of J. P. Williams, their regular number one bat, and C.S.M. Elvin, their regular number eleven bat, in putting up a hundred and six runs for the first wicket is really remarkable, though of course, had the Club fielding been in anyway up to form it would never have happened. I have seldom seen dropped catches so penalized.

LEAGUE GAMES

As far as I can make out the only Senior League Game is the one between the I.R.C. (at home) and the Civil Service. The game, as shown in the C.S.C.C. card was fixed on their ground on December 1 and I do not know whether there has been a mix up or whether the game has just been postponed. It seems curious that it has been transferred to the Sooknumpo ground. In some marvellous way the Indians have arranged that all their seven league matches will be played at home! I should, I confess, like to know how it was worked. It is becoming clearer and clearer to me as the season goes on that either some central authority has got to take hold and run the League competently, (and this involves arranging all fixtures,) or else that it had better be washed out altogether. This "Polly come and have a cup of tea" way of fixing things up and then altering them all is ruining the interest in the game.

The only other game of which I have any information is a non-League between the K.O.C. at home, and Craignewower. Both home sides would win, I think. Griffiths is back and may be playing for the C.S.C.C. but I was horrified to hear that he is still hankering after Rugby. I thought he had grown out of it, especially as he did unusually well at home at the game, scoring, I believe, over nearly a thousand runs in good Club cricket. It is really heart breaking the way the claims of Rugby have won many useful cricketers. It is a good enough game—in fact perhaps the best up to twenty-five or so, if you have only a dilettante turn for cricket, but after then I am inclined to call cricket the better game.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

C.S.C.C., Police and University are all at home, their opponents being respectively I.R.C., Craignewower and H.K.C.C. Apart from the Police (if they can field a full team) I think home teams will lose.

I had intended to say a few words about the Army and Navy match but it is by now such ancient history that I will merely remark that all went according to plan. Branwell did not come off—he never seemed to do so again against useful bowling, and the Navy were badly beaten. I know it was only five wickets but the Army second innings was not very serious and the order was reversed. I will finish the Club—Army Match on Tuesday.

ALL BLACKS TEAM

To Play England
At Twickenham

London, Dec. 27.
The All Blacks Rugby XV against England at Twickenham on January 4 will be represented by Gilbert; Ball, Oliver; Mitchell, Cuaghey, Tindall, Corner; Lampour, Hadley, Hore, Manchester, King, Reid, McClean, and Mahoney.—Reuter.

PATAUDI AND NEXT YEAR'S TESTS

ASKS PERMISSION TO PLAY FOR INDIA

A formal application has been received by the Board of Cricket Control asking that the Nawab of Pataudi, who has played for England in Test matches, should be allowed to play for India against England in next year's Tests.

Without special permission Pataudi in the circumstances cannot play for his native country.

Consent to this application is now purely a formal matter.

YACHT RACE TO MACAO

WON BY MR. E. COCK

FOR SECOND TIME

Mr. E. Cock, sailing his own ketch Sea Lark V, won the annual race to Macao and back for cruisers belonging to members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, repeating his feat of last year.

Actually the U. and I. sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, was the first to cross the finishing line, followed closely by La Cigale (Mr. N. Croucher), but the Sea Lark V won on corrected time.

The elapsed time for U. and I. was 16 hours, 21 minutes and 38 seconds, while that of the La Cigale was 16 hours, 23 minutes and seven seconds. It will be noticed that the corrected times run very close.

Conditions were ideal for the race, which is an annual event for the Potts Challenge Cup. All the competitors considered this year's race one of the finest Macao races ever sailed.

Sixteen yachts started for the race as compared with 15 last year, and only one, Cherub, sailed by Mr. I. W. Shewan, did not finish.

Mrs. Rouse has kindly presented a clock as a prize for the first yacht over the line. The winner is the wife of the owner of the latter craft, this reservation has now been taken out, thus affording a wider bend for the annual races, when big fields are expected.

The results follow:

	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Sea Lark V	23.13.21	22.17.10
U. and I.	22.51.38	22.31.40
Typhoon	00.13.32	22.33.11
La Cigale	22.51.07	22.53.07
Penguin	00.41.58	22.58.40
Wanderer	03.19.55	23.04.05
Norman	01.44.57	23.55.27

Nazi Organisation Of Sport

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political convictions. The strictly Roman Catholic, Protestant, Communist, and Socialist sport clubs, many of which played within exclusive leagues, have almost all disappeared.

BIG ORGANISATION

In the early days of the Nazi revolution the Reichssportführungschaft concerned itself to some extent with the organisation of the then very popular Geländesport—an euphemism for cross-country activities closely resembling military manoeuvres. With the introduction of conscription and the real thing, Geländesport has virtually ceased. Indeed, the War Ministry has asked the Reichssportführungschaft to discourage Geländesport wherever found; military training, it is firmly claimed, is the army's undisputable prerogative. Nevertheless, one still hears many people advocating sport because it helps to make the player *wehrhaftig*, or plainly speaking, a better soldier.

There is no doubt that as a result of Nazi supervision and encouragement many more Germans are taking part in sport to-day than did two or three years ago. Boys and girls are compelled to play games at school. Nearly all but a few are members of the Jungvolk, the Hitler Youth, or the League of German Girls, which organise for them still more games and athletic contests. On October 1 sport became compulsory for all university students. According to the first draft of the law, the students were expected, among other things, to learn how to handle a light rifle. With the return to conscription this part of the law was revised. But the university student is compelled to acquit himself as an all-round sportsman. A Professor of

COURSE IMPROVEMENT

New Railings Constructed For Valley Race Track

By the time the Annual Race Meeting, which will be held on February 24, 25, 26 and 29, comes round, officials of the Hongkong Jockey Club hope that a complete change of railings round the tracks at Happy Valley will have been made.

In former years the tracks were fenced by wooden railings which, because of their size and unwieldiness, were not very satisfactory in that they did not provide the course with easy bends. With the view to improving the course, the Jockey Club changed the railings on the grass track some time ago.

Instead of using the same type of round posts, the Jockey Club made them thinner and square, and the supports were of iron instead of wood.

This arrangement, until hitherto on the grass track only, has proved satisfactory and it was decided recently to have it on the sand track as well. It is hoped that by the time the annual race carnival takes place all the railings will be of the new type.

No efforts are being spared to keep the race track in as good a condition as possible. During the last few meetings at a portion of the track, from the bend into the straight, was reserved in order to give the grass a chance to grow. The rail marking this reservation has now been taken out, thus affording a wider bend for the annual races, when big fields are expected.

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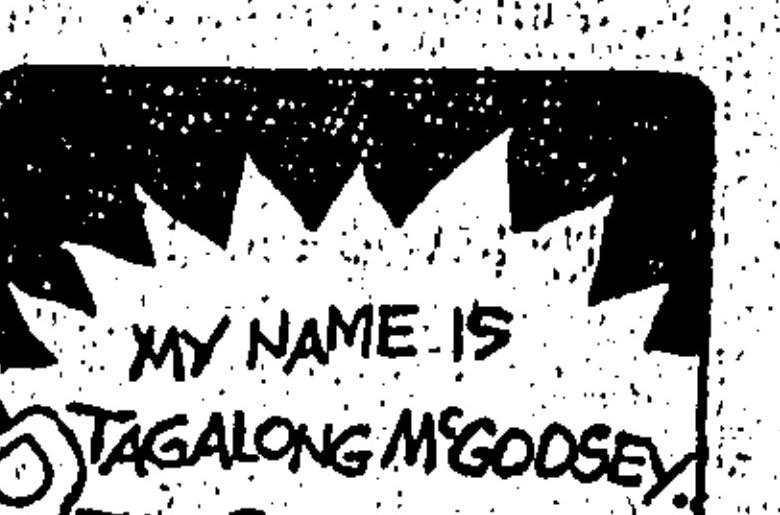
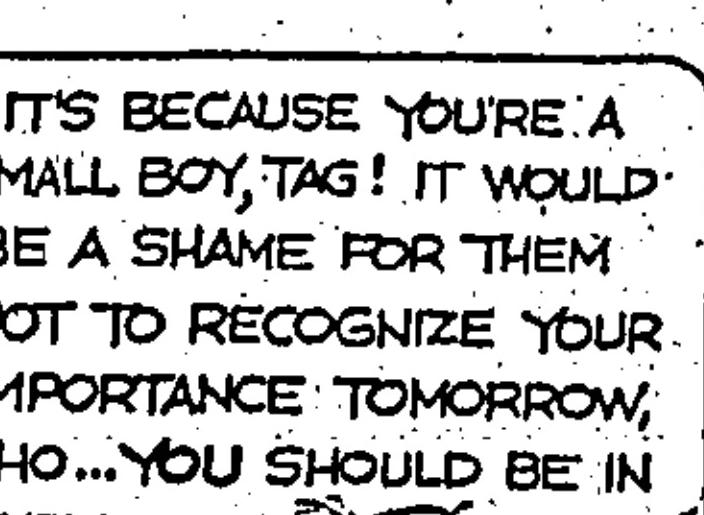
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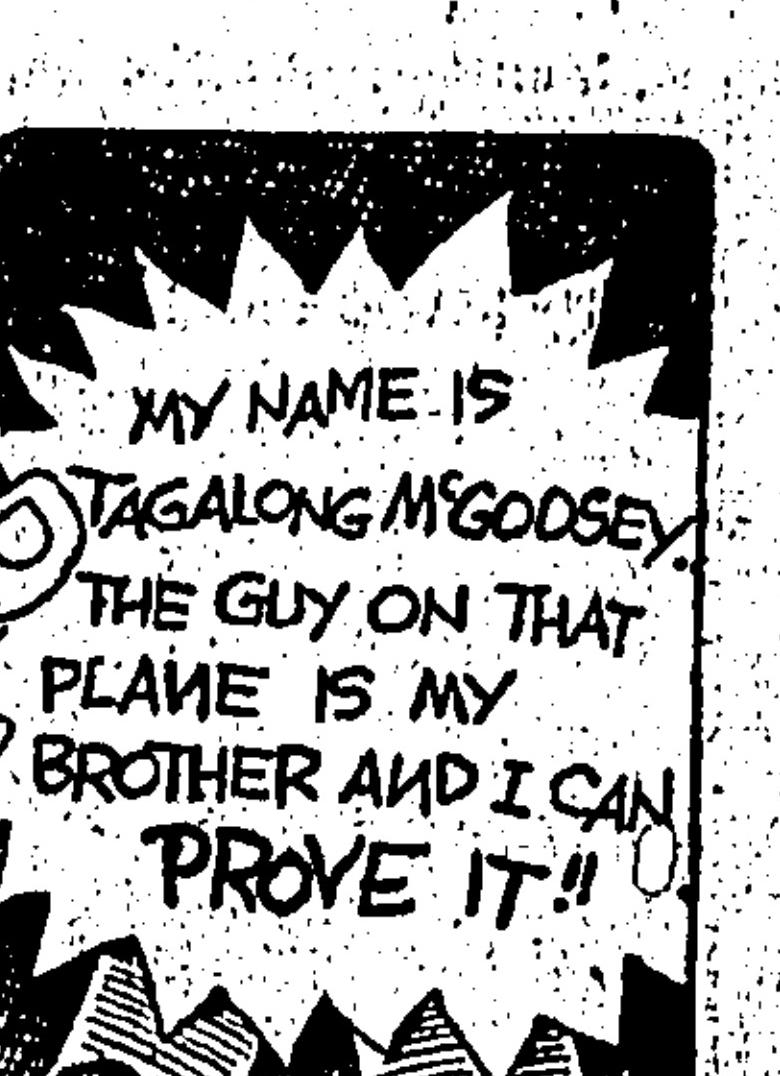
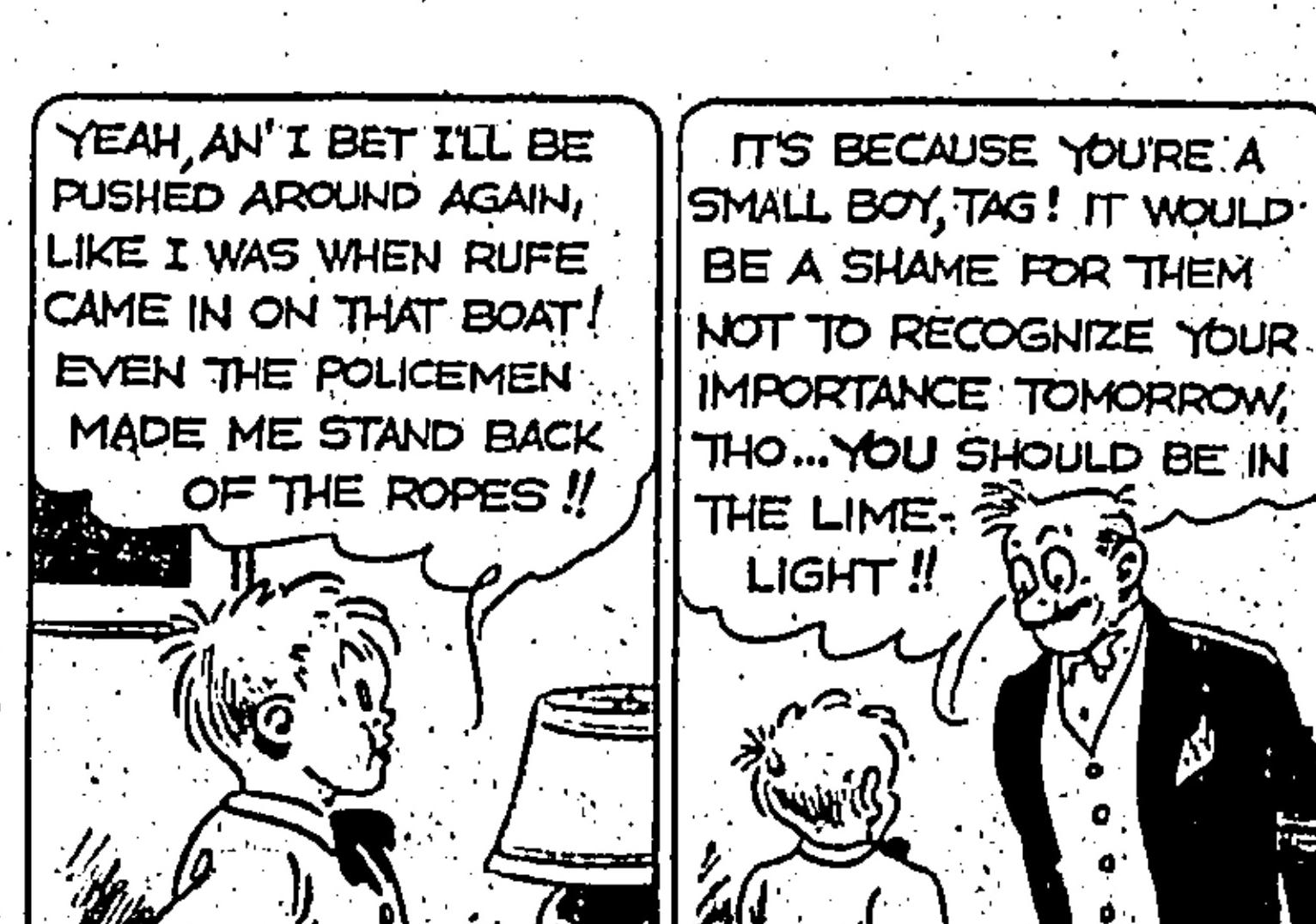
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The St. John Ambulance Medical Work

(To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph)

Sir.—As Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade I have been requested to refute absolutely, as without a shadow of foundation the rumour which is being circulated by some "gossip" that the Government is taking over all the St. John Clinics in the New Territories. The population of the New Territories is well over 70,000 and the villages are scattered far and wide, too much for any one organisation to cope with.

The Aw Par Hospital at Cheung Chau which is mainly for the women and children of the seafaring class and of the neighbouring islands is the sole property of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Furthermore, the Hon. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services is President of the St. John Ambulance Association in Hongkong, and the Deputy Director is Brigade Surgeon, while other Government doctors are also members of the Brigade and are willing at any time to assist in any emergency, so that there is in the greatest of harmony and co-operation and no discord as "gossip" would like to infer.

The truth is that on account of financial depression we may be compelled to close down clinics which are by the roadside and which are easy of access to the Ho Tung Clinic. But those villages far from the beaten track and where the villagers are without means of medical assistance will be definitely left open while it is possible, as will the maternity hospitals and children's wards where day by day life is saved.

I would like to inform uncharitable gossips that when a village was informed of the possibility of closing down the clinic the women met me on one of my visits, and many cried at the thought of being deprived of the assistance of a nurse.

The rumour is uncharitable as it tends to keep away urgently needed subscriptions, and so deprive an expectant mother or a sick baby stricken down in an isolated place without the hope of medical aid. In Hongkong there are Government hospitals and others where any one may speedily obtain help.

But the thing which has "hit" our members most over this rumour is the implied condemnation of our work as a whole, especially the work of our director who sacrificed the opportunity of a peaceful retirement in England to devote his whole life in personal

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Mrs. G. F. Hole	20
Mrs. Arthur Woo	20
Total	\$421.50

Street Sleepers

The Street Sleepers' Shelter Society begin to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:

Mr. Blackett	3
Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor	25
Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Harmon	10
A Policeman from Paris	1
Previously acknowledged	1,522.24
Total	\$1,561.24

In last week's list, a donation of \$50 was acknowledged from the Diocesan Girls' School. It should have read us from the Annual Bazaar of the Diocesan Girls' School.

Further donations may be sent to the Editor of the S. C. M. Post; to Mr. Andrew Cheung, 9 Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong, or to Miss R. Mow Pung c/o Gilman & Co. Ltd.

St. Francis' Home

The Brother Rector of the congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis, begs gratefully to acknowledge receipt of the sum of \$98, proceeds of a collection made by the "Kowloon Tong Carolers" on Christmas Eve, in aid of the St. Francis' Home for Street Sleepers.

service for the benefit of the sick poor in the New Territories of Hongkong where the poverty-stricken villagers are entitled to the same medical comforts as their more fortunate brethren of Hongkong itself, also an undeserved slight on Brigado members who also sacrifice their week-ends and evenings for the sake of humanity." I invite "gossip" to come with me and I will take him to a certain village at evening time when the villagers return from the fields, and he will no longer begrudge what we are doing, and I will also show him babies suffering from malnutrition and tuberculosis; or perhaps he would prefer to spend the night in some solitary hut with the doctor and nurse tending some poor unfortunate (one of our nurses

narrowly escaped being kidnapped through having a call to a very distant place on the border.)

There are 500 members of the St. John ready to render any service for humanity which may be demanded of them, and only a few days ago were requested to give a list of members willing to give blood transfusion, so perhaps "gossip" would like to join us.

Babies' clothing is urgently needed,

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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Protoco and deception weave a tangled web in "Alice Adams" which stars Katharine Hepburn in the title role, and comes on Sunday to the King's Theatre. Based on the Booth Tarkington novel which won the Pulitzer Prize for 1922, the story is an unvarnished picture of the struggles and heartaches which a girl endures in her fight for love and social recognition in a small Midwestern town. Not since Miss Hepburn won the Academy Award with her portrayal of the stage-struck girl in "Morning Glory" has she had a role which gave her such opportunities for unusual characterization, sensitiveness and understanding. In the story, Alice Adams battles snobbery and social ostracism with pretence and decent, only to find that these weapons are useless. It is only when she drops her mask of make-believe and turns the light of truth upon her enemies that she wins the love and recognition which she craves. Her faith and courage and her struggle upward to ultimate triumph make for a great and entertaining picture. Each of the characters in "Alice Adams" is vividly drawn and capably played by well known screen and stage stars. Included in the cast are Fred Stone, famous stage star, Fred MacMurray, Eve-Ivy Venable, Ann Shoemaker, Frank Albertson, Charles Grapewin and others. George Stevens directed this RKO-Radio Picture.

Broadway Gondolier

"Broadway Gondolier," Warner Bros' romantic new musical comedy, which reunites the popular stars of "Gold Diggers Of 1933," Dick Powell and Jean Blondell, opens at the Queen's Theatre today. In the all-star cast besides Dick and Jean are Adolphe Menjou, Louise Fazenda, William Gargan, George Barbier and Grant Mitchell. The story concerns the romance of a New York taxi-driver who aspires to be a singer, and the secretary of a big broadcasting concern, who falls in love with him and arranges an audition. A series of mix-ups prevents his appearance, and his teacher, a former singer and impoverished Italian aristocrat, sings for him. But his voice has gone sour and the taxi-driver loses out. It is not until he gets to Venice that he makes good, first as a singing gondolier and then in opera. He returns to New York and succeeds in one of the most unusual climaxes imaginable. Dick Powell, in the role of the gondolier renders several songs in the production. Jean Blondell, as the secretary to the radio magnate sings a comedy song in the picture.

Black Fury

No other first line star in motion pictures has appeared in so few films as has Paul Muni. His latest First National picture, "Black Fury," now showing at the Star Theatre, is only his eighth production, yet he is considered one of the most important male stars in Hollywood. Muni averaged only one picture-a-year until this year when he made both "Black Fury" and "Border Town." Six years ago Paul Muni was brought from the New York stage to Hollywood for the first time. On that trip he made two pictures, "The Valiant" and "Seven Faces." More than a year later, he returned to star in "Scarface" and two years elapsed before he came back to the film city a third time to make "An A Fugitive From a Chain Gang," "The World Changes and III, Neill." followed, but with long intervals between. Muni is violently opposed to quantity production so far as his own stardom is concerned. He holds to his original decision never to make more than two pictures a year. "Black Fury" is his most dynamic production. It is a startling colourfull drama in which he is supported by a tremendous cast.

Metropolitan

For sheer musical merit, no more distinguished picture has ever come from Hollywood than the Lawrence Tibbett starring vehicle, "Metropolitan," showing at the King's Theatre to-day. But "Metropolitan" doesn't rest on music alone. The picture which presents Tibbett in selections from such operatic favourites as "Pagliacci," "Carmen" and "Barber of Seville," also has a well-rounded plot, an engrossing love story, drama

and its full share of comedy. The plot of "Metropolitan" revolves about Tibbett's efforts as a young singer to gain recognition. Impatient with slow progress in the recognized opera companies, he attaches himself to a wildcat grand opera venture, starring Alice Brady, a tempestuous and vivacious prima donna. She controls the money, holds the affection of the angel, but because Tibbett fails to reciprocate her affection his career is threatened. His affection for Virginia Bruce only makes matters worse. Finally Miss Brady leaves the company in a huff. Stranded, Tibbett makes a heroic effort to put the company across, almost fails, and finally succeeds with Miss Bruce's aid. Personally produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, "Metropolitan" was directed by Richard Boleslawski. Cedar Romero, Luis Alberni and George Marlowe, Sr., are prominently cast in the supporting roles.

Picture Snatcher

If the average man or woman were asked what a "Picture Snatcher" is, they would probably pass up the riddle without so much as an effort to guess at its meaning. To most people, it would have a double and somewhat illegitimate sound. Like bootlegging, smuggling and the like. Nevertheless, picture snatching and picture snatching play an important part in the life of a metropolitan newspaper. Broadly speaking, a picture snatcher, in the slang of journalism, is anybody on the newspaper whose business is to get the pictures each day that are necessary to illustrate the important stories of the current twenty-four hours. Newspaper photographers are picture snatchers to their associates in daily papers. The term is not necessarily anything more than an affectionate name for a certain type of fellow worker. There is also another class of picture snatcher who may never use a camera for months but whose duty is to run down pictorial matter of some sort or another in connection with a story, where such pictorial matter is known to be in existence, but for some reason or another is difficult to lay hands on. It is this variety of "picture snatching" that has brought the business into such disrepute. Such a "Picture Snatcher" is the sort portrayed with startling realism by James Cagney in his latest Warner Bros' production which bears that name and opening at the Queen's tomorrow.

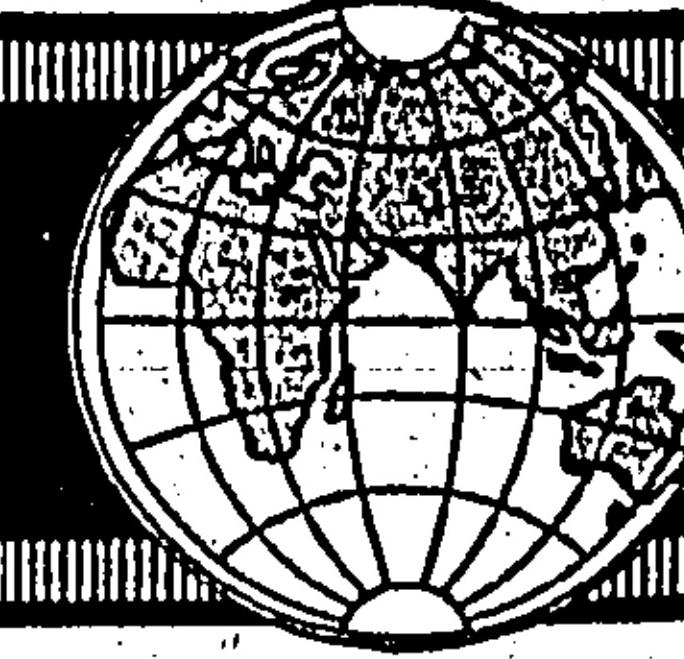
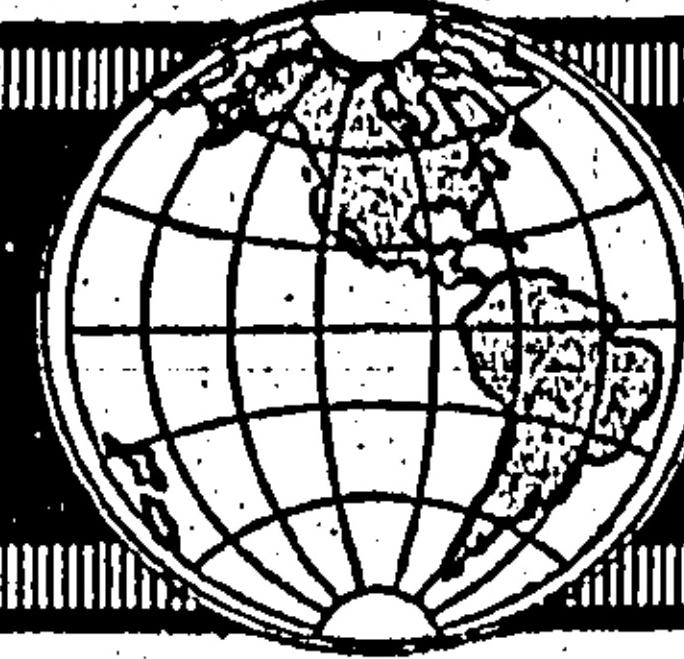
Star of Midnight

William Powell and Ginger Rogers is the double-star value offered the fans for the first time. This strong, romantic combination appears in "Star of Midnight," a romantic mystery drama based on an Arthur Somers Roche story brought to the screen by RKO-Radio. Powell and Miss Rogers are seen as a unique amateur detective duo who vie with police in the effort to solve a perplexing mystery . . . with more at stake than mere orchids for cleverness, for they are caught in the web of circumstance. Powell, as a brilliant attorney, is "Sherlock" of the combination, and Miss Rogers, as a youthful society beauty, is the admiring "Watson." Romance, sparkling comedy mystery and suspense are factors in the swift and thrill packed story. Included in the supporting cast are Paul Kelly, Ralph Morgan, Leslie Fenton, Gene Lockhart, Vivian Oakland, Russell Hopton and J. Farrell MacDonald. Stephen Roberts directed. The film is the next change at the Star Theatre.

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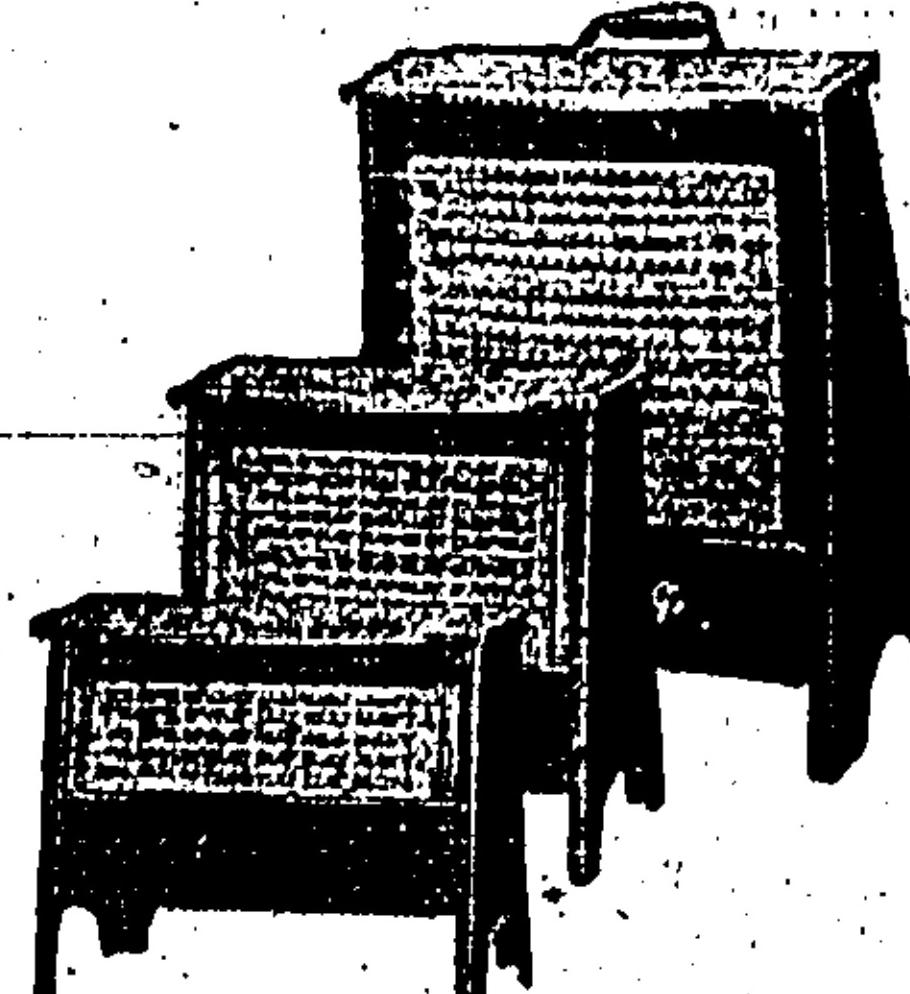
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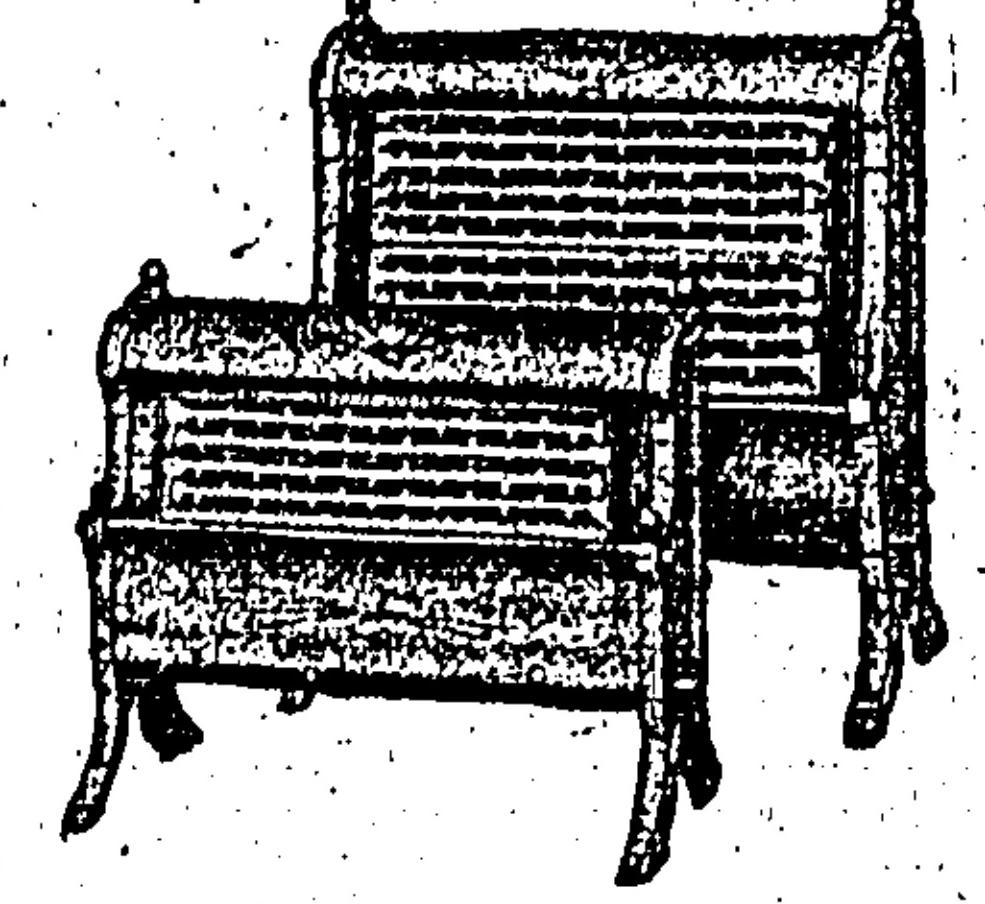
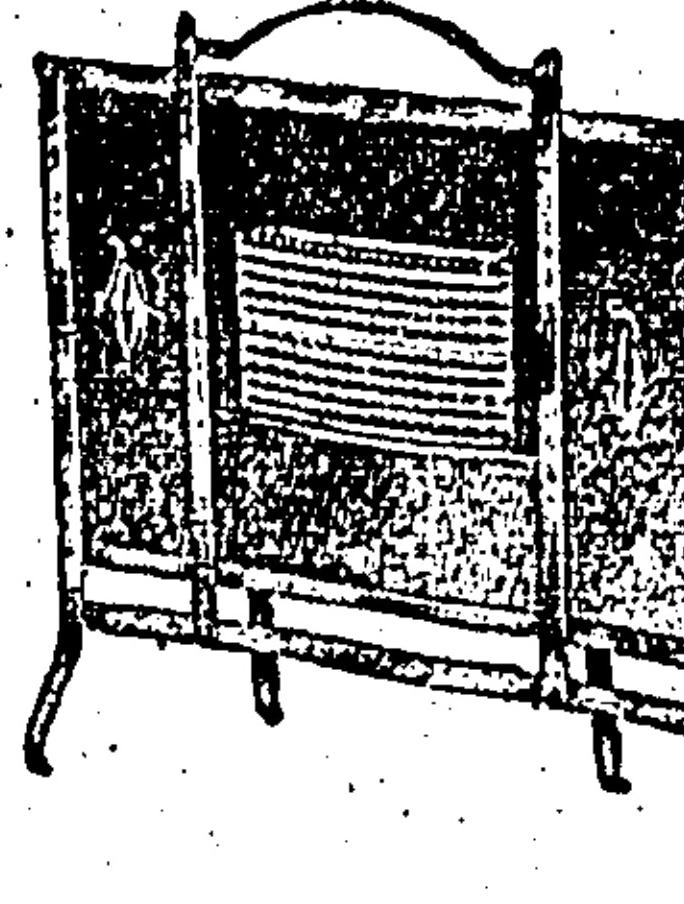
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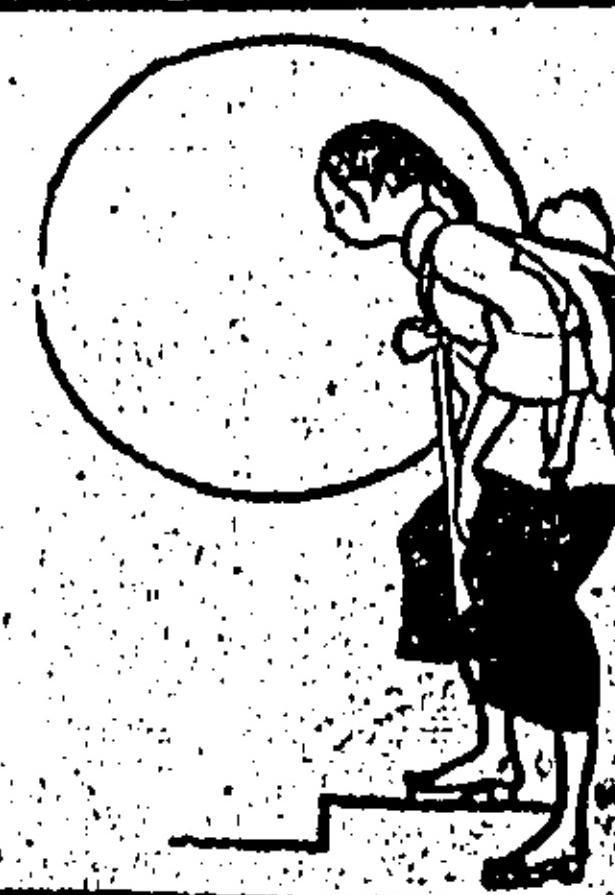
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CROWN RENT PAYMENT

"REMAINING PORTION" PROBLEM

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to make provision for the apportionment of Crown Rents. It is explained that leases granted by the Crown, of land in this Colony, do not make any provision for apportionment of Crown Rent. In the event of subdivision and transfer of a portion of the lot by assignment by the original lessee, who in practice then becomes known as the owner of the Remaining Portion of the Lot.

The original owner of the Remaining Portion, or his legal representative, remains liable to the Crown for the whole Crown Rent due in respect of the Lot and in practice so long as he retains the Remaining Portion he has to collect from the other section owners of the Lot the proportions of Crown rent attributable to their respective sections and pay the whole to the Treasury.

After transfer of the Remaining portion, it has been the custom of the Crown to look to the owner thereof for the time being, for payment of the whole Crown Rent due in respect of the Lot, leaving him to collect their proportions from the other section owners.

MORE SUB-DIVISIONS

While the number of sub-divisions of Lots remained small this custom caused little inconvenience, but in recent years the number of sub-divisions has increased very rapidly and many of the older and larger Lots have been divided into fifty or more separate sections of subsections.

The owners of the Remaining Portion now find it increasingly difficult to collect proportions of Crown Rent and many of them, after having paid the whole of the Crown Rent to the Treasury for some time, have ultimately made default.

Many section owners who have always paid to the owner of the Remaining Portion their proportions of Crown Rent, have found that, without their knowledge, the owner of the Remaining Portion has made default.

In case of default the only satisfactory remedy which the Crown at present has, is to exercise its right of re-entry on the whole Lot, and this has been the practice in recent years. Re-entry involves forfeiture of every portion of the Lot re-entered, and the extinction of all mortgages thereon, which is a serious matter particularly for trustees who have invested trust funds on the security of house property. Default in payment of Crown Rent by Remaining Portion owners is becoming more and more frequent and the serious effect of the increasing number of re-entries calls for a remedy.

ORDINANCE AIM

The object of this Ordinance is to enable the Land Officer, in his discretion, on the application of an owner of a portion of a Lot and on payment of the prescribed fees to determine the Crown Rent which shall be payable direct to the Treasury in respect of such portion.

Section 4 provides the principles to be observed in determination. Determination will, in so far as is reasonable, be according to area. Some old Crown Rents were fixed in sterling and these will be converted into local currency at the rate at which all sterling Crown Rents were converted.

Provision is also made for the addition of such sum, if any, as may be necessary to make the determined rent an even number of dollars.

This will facilitate Treasury collection and book-keeping, without loss to the Crown, and the loss to the payer will be negligible. Section 5 makes provision for proof of area. Section 6 states result of determination, on the application of a section owner other than the owner of a Remaining Portion.

Section 7 states the result of determination on the application of the owner of a Remaining Portion. Special provision is necessary in this case as at present the Crown looks to the owner of the Remaining Portion for payment of the whole Crown Rent due in respect of the Lot, and cannot be released from this burden unless determination is also made in respect of each other section of the Lot. Compulsory determination is accordingly imposed in this case on the owners of the other sections of the Lot. The fees are in this as in other cases payable by the applicant for determination, namely the owner of the Remaining Portion, but relief is provided to enable him to recover from the owner of each section the fees applicable to such section.

Section 13 enables the Governor to appoint different dates for the application of the Ordinance to different lots areas or districts. Some such provision is necessary to prevent the Land Office being disorganized by too many simultaneous applications.

NEW YEAR OBSERVANCES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PLANS

London, Dec. 27. The annual celebrations of New Year associated with St. Paul's Churchyard, will this year take a more organized form as the result of a movement initiated by the Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. W. R. Matthews.

Proceeding the watchnight services in the Cathedral, which will be conducted by the Dean and broadcast through loud speakers in the churchyard, the crowds assembled there will take part in community singing and will be addressed shortly by Canon H. R. L. Sheppard.—British Wireless.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-night and a tea dance on Sunday. A special extra bus service has been arranged for the convenience of the patrons attending the dinner dance.

Broadcasting Review

BRITAIN'S STEADY EXPANSION

RECORDING EVENTS

London, Dec. 27.

A review of the year's broadcasting by B.B.C. describes the activity in the erection of new transmitting stations and the renovation and re-equipping of studios to secure the maximum efficiency both in technical results and in the distribution of the services over the whole country. These improvements include extensions of the Empire station at Daventry and the adaptation of part of Alexandra Palace in North London for use as a television transmitting station.

The year has seen steady expansion in the Empire service, constant experimenting having enabled improvements in transmission so that the Empire broadcasts have been better and more consistently received. The Empire news bulletins have been increased in number. Notable broadcasts to the Empire include the Jubilee celebrations and Lord Jellicoe's funeral.

The review draws attention to the increase in the use of specially recorded material in programmes, notably in illustrating the news bulletins. Records are made by mobile recording units and special machinery allows part of speeches to be cut and edited for later reproduction.

VOICE OF THE PAST

A library of records of historical interest is thus being built up, and the collection now includes voices of great personages in every sphere of public life.

Additions are being made of records from the pre-broadcast era. Thus records of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill made before the war, have been secured, and efforts are being made to revive records of Gladstone, Salisbury and Rosebery, made on the early phonograph cylinders. It is pointed out that the value of these records to students of history will steadily increase with the passage of time.—British Wireless.

SPURIOUS COIN OFFENCES

LOCAL LAW BEING AMENDED

ORDINANCE AIM

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the coinage Offences Ordinance, 1895.

Section 3 of the Ordinance adds a new paragraph to section 13 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1895 making the deliberate importation into the Colony of counterfeited King's current copper coin punishable with seven years imprisonment.

The proceedings opened with a speech by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, followed by a nursery song by children who have been supplied with milk by the Society. There was then a film show by courtesy of the Majestic Theatre management, and during the interval which followed refreshments were served.

Students of Chung Wah Boys' School later presented a Chinese play, after which Mrs. Loseby presented prizes, this being followed by distribution of presents by Mrs. Loseby, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Booker and Miss Hinsworth.

The Society wishes to thank the Management of the Majestic Theatre for loan of the theatre.

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MONGOLIAN AFFAIRS

NANKING OFFICIALS DENY INDEPENDENCE TALK

London, Dec. 27.

The Mongolian Government's political agents in Nanking have officially denied rumours of an independence movement in Inner Mongolia. The rumours originated with the report that Prince Teh disarmed the troops of the Western Banner.

The same sources say that the inner Mongolian authorities have asked Nanking for the supply of arms and ammunition in view of the tension created through the recent clashes with Manchukuoans on the border.

Japan Suspicious

Shanghai, Dec. 27. The Japanese Foreign Office is suspicious of the visit of the Outer Mongolian Premier and other Mongolian officials to Moscow, according to Tokyo newspapers.

The fear is that the Soviets and Mongols might combine against the Chinese and Japanese fight against Communism in the Inner Mongolia area.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Moscow *Izvestia* and other Soviets—Union News.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Lawrence Howorth, of 218 Nathan Road, and Miss Lena Cochran, of 177 Fulton Street, Anniesland, Glasgow, who is en route to the Colony per s.s. Stuttgart.

BRITISH REVENUE INCREASE

ENCOURAGING POSITION REVEALED

London, Dec. 27.

Exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue, excluding self-balancing items, amounts to £421,075,776 compared with £404,064,177 at the corresponding date of last year.

Total ordinary expenditure, exclusive of self-balancing items, is £568,627,704, compared with £512,086,086 at the corresponding date of 1934.

There is now only one week of the third quarter of the financial year to go and financial writers comment on the encouraging revenue position, as it is in the last quarter of the year that the inflow of revenue is greatest.

Receipts for the week ended December 21 were swollen by an exceptionally large payment account of estate duty and the total receipts under this head for the financial year, to date are £63,410,000, compared with £58,516,000 for the same period of the previous financial year.

Among other revenue items, income tax has yielded £75,018,000, or over four million pounds more than for the same period of last year, and customs and excise £227,355,000, or an increase of nearly nine million pounds compared with last year.—British Wireless.

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